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Hi, I'm Adrian. I joined TLCO at the beginning of January. It's been a fantastic couple of months. Much of my time has been spent getting out and meeting people inside and outside of the organisation. My neighbourhood is west of Trafford. It has a really varied geography and a wealth of community groups, services, and community health teams. I've spent the day with district nurses, visited tenant associations, attended voluntary and community sector strategy launches, met primary care leads, and taken part in sessions to finalise neighbourhood plans.

As you will have read, the neighbourhood lead posts are fairly new. There are four of us, each covering one of the neighbourhoods across the borough. It's not uncommon for people to ask, "So what is it that you do?" I tend to reply by saying that our Neighbourhood Programme is one of the ways we'll bring services closer to local people, make them more responsive or accountable, and join them up—especially across social care and population health.

Some of my early priorities will be around:

- Helping to bring together the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams
- Supporting anticipatory care (case management) across neighbourhoods
- Coordinating action around the neighbourhood plan—these plans are population health focused, so they give us a real opportunity to think about prevention and working with local communities.

It's ambitious stuff, but it feels like there's enthusiasm and excitement for it in Trafford.

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