

Lambeth Together Local Care Partnership Board Public Forum

In-person at Brixton (Tate) Library

Thursday 6 November 2025

Responses to questions from members of the public*

Abbreviations and acronyms used in the meeting are explained using square brackets [...]





Question 1: Jean Kerrigan, Volunteer at Brixton Windmill

For the last three years we've been running a club for older people. GPs, hospitals and other agencies all refer to us, and we are now at bursting point. We are run on the basis of grant funding. How can we get support from Lambeth Together?

Response: Andrew Eyres, Corporate Director of Integrated Health and Care, South East London Integrated Care Board (SEL ICB) and Lambeth Council

Thank you to your organisation for all you are doing. What you and other voluntary organisations do in the borough for a whole range of people is fantastic. We are facing severe financial challenges at the moment in both the NHS and the Council. However, there are particular areas where there may be opportunities for us to work with your organisation for example the Age Friendly Lambeth Strategy. We would need to consider any proposal in light of the commissioning already in place.

Response: Ruth Hutt, Director of Public Health, Lambeth Council

I would encourage you to make sure you are engaged with the Age Friendly Forum to. Through Lambeth Together we are looking to move more services into the prevention space, for older people in particular so the work you've described fits really well. We value the work you're doing very highly, so thank you.

Update: Ruth Hutt to arrange a conversation with her team and Age UK colleagues and Jean Kerrigan to talk through funding opportunities and any available support. Any further progress update will be uploaded to the Lambeth Together website.



Question 2: Jazzy, Member of the Children and Young People Alliance (CYPA) Shadow Board

My question is about school attendance. There is a lack of awareness amongst GPs about chronic illness for young people and the lack of specialist care available, meaning we don't have the support we need. CYP are often labelled as 'school refusal' or 'poor attendance' What can this board do to help this problem with schools?

Response: Dan Stoten, Director of Integrated Children's Commissioning and Youth Services London Borough of Lambeth & NHS South East London Integrated Care System

For children outside of education there is an expectation that we provide alternative education provision. I will consult with the Director of Education to find out what our offer is for children with chronic conditions who are unable to attend school.

Update: Dan Stoten has arranged to discuss these issues with the Director of Education and Simon Boote, Director of the Children and Young People Alliance, and to attend a Shadow Board for further discussions with the members. Any further progress update will be uploaded to the Lambeth Together website.





Question 3: Raquel

What can be done for people who don't use technology? It should be easier to access support through the phone, including in crisis situations. It's difficult for people who speak different languages, autistic people, anxious people to get support especially with mental health.

Response: Richard Outram, Director Adult Social Care

In social work, we have 1500 contacts a month and can't always get to callbacks at a convenient time. Many organisations are struggling with the volume of demand and are looking at how we make access easier, which includes digital technology for those who can use it.

Response: Jane Hannon, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLAM) and Nozomi Akanuma, Clinical Lead, Living Well Network Alliance

In mental health we are working to improve what we do including partnering with the voluntary sector to offer an alternative crisis offer. We are interested in your ideas for how we can improve what is not working, for example issues that contribute to mental health crisis like money, housing, relationships and how we tackle these.

Andrew Eyres, Corporate Director of Integrated Health and Care, Lambeth Council and South East London Integrated Care Board (SEL ICB)

We are very conscious of the benefits and the risks of a digital NHS, it's not a one size fits all solution and we need to be responsive to everyone's needs.



Question 4: Jazzy and Skye, Shadow Board

I have a lot of invisible disabilities and I have an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) but help is not available. How are you going to communicate to schools/colleges to support students?

Response: Dan Stoten, Director of Integrated Children's Commissioning and Youth Services, London Borough of Lambeth & NHS South East London Integrated Care System

We have an expectation that all of our schools and colleges adhere to an EHCP and I'm sorry that hasn't happened for you.

Update: Dan Stoten has arranged a discussion with the Director of Education to talk through the case. Any further progress update will be uploaded to the Lambeth Together website.



Question 5: Graham Syme, Co-Chair Streatham Hill Group Practice PPG

Graham described a protracted and unsuccessful attempt to access the Green Homes Grant to replace windows in a conservation area.

Response: Cllr Nanda Manley-Browne, Co-Chair Lambeth Together

Nanda offered to direct Graham to the correct Council department to seek advice and possible resolution.

Update: Contact has been made with the Planning and Sustainability teams at Lambeth Council who are aware of Mr Syme's case and have advised that they are able to provide support for applying to any further schemes for which they are eligible.





Question 6: Odilon Couzins

Will the council join the Mayor's scheme to provide HEPA filters in schools?

Response: Ruth Hutt, Director of Public Health, Lambeth Council

Lambeth is actively participating in this Greater London Authority (GLA) project. To ensure equity, priority schools were selected based principally on modelled levels of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) – using the London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (LAEI) – and deprivation levels via the Index of Multiple Deprivation. This data-led approach ensures resources are directed toward schools where the intervention will deliver the greatest benefit.

Seven schools in the borough were selected for the initial phase; to date, four have accepted and three have completed the installation of filtration units. Lambeth continues to support the GLA in engaging with the remaining identified schools to raise awareness of the offer and encourage uptake.

The programme is funded until Spring 2027. This provision includes maintenance, school engagement activities (such as assemblies and classroom workshops), and robust monitoring and evaluation. Indoor air quality monitors are being utilised to assess the scheme's impact, which may inform future rollout strategies. The programme delivery is a consortium effort involving SmartAir (filtration infrastructure), WSP (monitoring and evaluation), and the Walk, Wheel and Cycle Trust (engagement and behavioural change).



Question 7: Odilon Couzins

Can we up the effort to increase measles vaccination and MMR uptake in Lambeth? I'd be happy to help through my local forum network

Response: Ruth Hutt, Director of Public Health, Lambeth Council

We are implementing a multi-faceted health promotion strategy to address vaccination uptake. This includes poster campaigns to raise awareness about measles and encourage vaccine uptake; community-led projects to identify barriers to vaccination uptake and co-design culturally appropriate solutions; collaboration with primary care through the “Celebrate and Protect” initiative, which strengthens GP call-and-recall; and our “Vaccination in New Spaces” service, which delivers Q&A sessions in children’s centres to enhance caregivers’ understanding of the role of vaccination in their child’s health – it also offers a GP-referred domiciliary service for catch up vaccinations.

We are aware of sub-optimal vaccination uptake locally and continue to provide feedback to NHS England (NHSE) as commissioners of the childhood-vaccination programme nationally. NHSE has confirmed that vaccination-coverage data across North-West and South-East London was affected by a system error, particularly among five-year-olds and for multi-dose vaccines such as DTaP and MMR2. We understand that the NHS is now using the correct system, revising 2024/25 data, and strengthening audit processes, with findings shared nationally to support future improvements. These technical adjustments should be considered when interpreting data trends over time.

We have engaged with schools, nurseries, children’s centres, and birth-registration services to promote awareness of childhood vaccinations, and are exploring delivery in nurseries, subject to clinical-governance and workforce availability.

Question 8: Odilon Couzins

I heard that local GP surgeries are planning to reduce or cut social prescribers as they don't have enough staff to meet the high demand. Is there anything the board can do to ensure we have more not less social prescribing?

Response: Oge Chesa, Director of Primary Care and Transformation, NHS South East London (Lambeth)

Social prescribing link workers are critical to managing access to primary care in general practice and in addressing those wider determinants of health. I've yet to hear of a reduction as there is dedicated funding for all GP practices to have access to social prescribing link workers through their Primary Care Networks (PCN). If there are concerns about provision in a specific PCN then we can follow that up directly if provided..

