

Lambeth Together Care Partnership Board Public Forum

In-person at Brixton (Tate) Library

Thursday 11 June 2026

Responses to questions from members of the public*

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



Question 1



Q. Sarah Flanagan, Patient and Public Voice board member

What plans are there to mark Carers Week, Pride Month and to celebrate and support older people?

Response: Jane Bowie, Director of Integrated Commissioning (adults) Lambeth Council and SEL ICB

We are pleased to be celebrating Carers Week and the theme this year is building carer friendly communities. There is a wellbeing event for carers at Lambeth Hospital, a Carers Club event and the launch of the All Age Carers Awards. There are 14 categories and individuals, groups and organisations are invited to make nominations. For more information see [Lambeth Carers Awards 2026 | Lambeth Council](#)

Response: Juliet Amoa, Associate Director, Equity and Inclusion, Community Health and Engagement - Adult Social Care and Housing and Integrated Health and Care, Lambeth Council

There are a range of Pride Month activities in Lambeth, including a photography exhibition, fostering workshops, and a bowling night, culminating in the Council's Pride Reception on June 30th. For information on these activities see [Lambeth celebrates Pride Month and backs LGBTQ+ communities - Love Lambeth](#)

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Question 1 continued



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

Rather than operate a large event for older people, we have funded Age Friendly community grants to organisations for neighbourhood-based Age Friendly events. These provide ongoing updates to our Age Friendly Action Plan and we continue to operate our Age Friendly Forum.



Question 2



Q: Wendy Horler, Keep Our NHS Public (KONP)

With the savings made in the last financial year and the underspend in Primary Care, how were savings made and how are the impacts monitored? If healthcare is being underfunded, shouldn't we be shouting about it, including yourselves? Can we see a record of impacts?

Response: Jane Bowie, Director of Integrated Commissioning (Adults), Lambeth Council and South East London ICB

We do impact assessments before any savings programmes are implemented, including mitigation planning and post-implementation reviews to monitor the effects. We also have a general responsibility to ensure best value and efficiency in health and social care budgets, particularly in the present challenging financial climate.

As officers we are involved in many meetings and forums where we are able to communicate pressures on a local, regional and national level. We make sure we are sharing local intelligence, and we welcome your engagement so we can make these representations.

The impact of savings programmes, delivery of routine efficiencies and ensuring ongoing best value is tracked through our internal fortnightly Finance and Performance group. The synthesis of this is reported to our monthly partnership Lambeth Together Assurance Group, the notes of which are included in the Lambeth Together Board papers. The details of individual budget changes for the ICB including in Lambeth can be accessed [here](#).



Question 3



Q. Gay Lee, Keep our NHS Public (KNOP)

How have local people been involved in Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs)? What happens when there is conflict between Healthwatch and community requests? We would like to see Healthwatch or whatever comes after it independent of government and government funding.

Response to Question 3: Folake Segun, Chief Executive, Healthwatch Lambeth

Healthwatch Lambeth has spoken to more than 300 people in the last year about how people should be involved in building INTs in Lambeth. Partners are ensuring it's an ongoing conversation to ensure the model is flexible so it continues to evolve and we listen to people and communities. We want residents and community voices and the VCS sector to be involved as we continue to test to reflect and refine the model, not just in delivery but in partnership. We want to build trust, reduce burdens and ensure a flexible, needs based model for INTs.

The Health Modernisation bill is at the committee stage in Parliament and will shape what comes next. We have lots of support from valued partners in Lambeth, including our MPs. We hear and highlight the concerns of patients to providers and we welcome opportunities to reflect and learn.



Question 4



Q: Phillip Virgo, Development Lead for Neighbourhood Watch and Patient Public Group for Hillbrook and Dale PCN

HBD PCN cuts across three of the new Neighbourhoods and we want to know how best to support befriending in our area. We are looking to pilot befriending across the PCN, is this the best way forward? How do we ensure the inclusion of a fire inspection in the action plan after a dementia diagnosis?

Response: Di Aitken, Co-Chair Lambeth Together

Yes a pilot is a good way forward. We can link you up with the Frailty INT in Brixton and Herne Hill Neighbourhood to support this.

Update: Di has linked Phillip into the frailty INT team.

Response: Jane Bowie, Director of Integrated Commissioning, Lambeth Council and SEL ICB

Risk assessments for dementia patients include fire safety, with operational contacts between social care staff and the fire brigade to address identified risks. I'm here representing the Director of Adult Social Care and will ask for a written response on this for you.

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Question 4 continued



Response Cllr Jeremy Isaacs, Lambeth Council Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care

As a neurologist specialising in dementia, my clinical experience is that accidental fires involving people living with dementia are relatively rare, and risk assessments in memory services routinely cover fire safety, financial abuse, and other hazards with referrals to social services when needed.

Response from Richard Sparkes, Director of Adult Social Care, Lambeth Council, provided after the forum:

Fire risk is routinely considered in Adult Social Care practice, with mandatory questions built into both assessment and review documentation. These require practitioners to identify whether there is a fire risk, assess whether the individual can evacuate the property unaided and if not, what plans are in place to support them, and determine whether a referral to the London Fire Brigade (LFB) for smoke alarms or a Safe and Well visit is required, ensuring that risk is identified and acted upon.

A targeted fire safety session was delivered in November 2025 as part of National Safeguarding Adults Week by Gary Melia, LFB Station Commander and SAB Board member. It focused on what practitioners should look for in relation to fire risk, when and how to refer for home fire safe and well visits, and specific risks such as e-scooters. The session was well attended by ASC staff, supporting stronger practice and referral quality.



Question 5 - Received in advance of the public forum



Q: Caroline Messecar, Patient Engagement Group member:

In light of recent tragic events, and a continuing rise in drowning and water related deaths in warmer weather, what plans does Lambeth have to provide water safety and swimming lessons for children when it takes over the running of Brockwell Lido in July?

Response: Active Lambeth Team

The safety of our customers is our highest priority, and Active Lambeth takes a proactive and comprehensive approach to water safety, drowning prevention, and swimming education across all our aquatic facilities. We follow the guidance and regulations set out by the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSSUK). Our lifeguards undertake monthly training delivered by an external registered provider, ensuring they remain fully compliant with National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ) requirements and industry best practice.

Our lifeguards receive training that includes the review of real-life drowning incidents and case studies. This reinforces the importance of vigilance, early intervention, and understanding the serious consequences that can result from water related incidents. For younger swimmers, we operate a swim test system for all children under the age of 11, to assess their swimming ability and provide appropriate wristbands based on their competency level. We also enforce parent-to-child supervision ratios and carefully monitor pool capacity vs lifeguard ratio.



Question 6 - Received in advance of the public forum



Q: Tim Sutton, Club Chair - Brockwell Swimmers

On 1 July 2026, management of Brockwell Lido will revert from Fusion Lifestyle back to Lambeth Council. Under Fusion, an exclusive swim coaching contract was awarded to Streamline Swim. As a result, Brockwell Swimmers, a long-established community swimming club, has been prevented from running coached training sessions at Brockwell Lido despite serving local residents and promoting participation in swimming. Repeated concerns raised with local councillors were referred to Fusion Lifestyle, and no review of the arrangement took place.

Given that Brockwell Lido is a publicly owned facility, can Lambeth Council explain whether it intends to review this exclusive arrangement when management returns in-house? Specifically, will the Council commit to a transparent process for any future coaching or lane-use agreements, including consultation with local clubs and stakeholders, to ensure fair and equitable access to this public swimming facility?

More broadly, does Lambeth Council believe it is appropriate for a single private company to hold exclusive commercial rights to provide coached swimming activities at a publicly owned pool, effectively preventing community clubs from offering similar services?

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Question 6 continued



Response to question 7: Active Lambeth Team

As management of Brockwell Lido returns to Lambeth Council on 1 July 2026, we will be reviewing all existing contracts and agreements currently in place across the facility. This review will help us determine the most appropriate arrangements going forward and ensure they best serve the facility and the local community. As part of the transition process, all existing contractual arrangements will be reviewed and assessed to determine what is in the best interests of the facility, its users, and the wider community. It would therefore be premature to comment on any specific future arrangements until this review has been completed.

