

Lambeth Together Care Partnership Board Public Forum

Online in public

Thursday 3 September 2026

Responses to questions from members of the public*

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



Question 1



Q. Sherine Thompson, Patient and Public Voice (PPV) Board member

How can Lambeth Together ensure that co-production is applied consistently across all programmes and partnerships, rather than being done differently by individual teams?

Response: Di Aitken, Co-Chair Lambeth Together

Co-production is already embedded within a number of programmes. For example, community workshops informed the development of the Women and Girls Health Hub, and an 18-month chronic pain patient advisory group helped test tools and participated in partnership governance. These examples show how residents can be involved throughout programme development and delivery.

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

The Children and Young People's Alliance has established a shadow board where children and young people hold the main board to account. Young people's views also influence both service delivery and strategic planning through wider engagement activities.

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Question 1 continued



Response: Andrew Eyres, Lambeth Place Executive Lead and Corporate Director Integrated Health and Adult Social Care, NHS South East London ICB, Lambeth Council

Residents, service users and carers should be involved whenever services are redesigned or new work is undertaken. Patient and Public Voice representatives are encouraged to challenge the Board if engagement has not been sufficient and ask for corrective action where necessary.

Response: Alex Jackson, Programme Director, Lambeth Together

Lambeth Together has developed a partnership-wide community engagement framework for delivery alliances and partner organisations. Board papers should clearly show whose voices informed the work and what engagement took place, and Board development sessions have reinforced these expectations.

Response: Guy Swindle, Deputy Director, Living Well Network Alliance

The Living Well Network Alliance has a Community Commissioner as a permanent member of its management team. This ensures community input is ongoing and embedded within decision-making rather than being limited to individual projects.



Question 2



Q. Maria Souto Varela

How can a community interest company (CIC) providing early mental health intervention and psychoeducation develop its work towards future commissioning opportunities within Lambeth?

Response: Andrew Eyres, Lambeth Place Executive Lead and Corporate Director Integrated Health and Adult Social Care, NHS South East London ICB, Lambeth Council

Apologies were offered that previous communications had not received a response. These enquiries will be traced and followed up. While Lambeth already has substantial mental health provision, there remains interest in innovative approaches that support early intervention and crisis prevention.

Response: Guy Swindle, Deputy Director, Living Well Network Alliance

There is no standing funding programme for new proposals. However, Maria is welcome to attend the Lambeth Collaborative meeting on 24 September 2026 at Mosaic Clubhouse, where commissioners, providers, service users and carers come together to discuss service development and collaboration opportunities.

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Question 2 continued



Response: Alex Jackson, Programme Director, Lambeth Together

The Council's voluntary and community sector infrastructure service can provide support with organisational development, fundraising and capacity building. A connection to that service will be provided to help support future development of the organisation.

Update: Details of the capacity building offer from Lambeth Council are included on a separate sheet uploaded alongside these notes on our website.



Question 3



Q. Adela Belecova, English for Action

How will Lambeth Together work with English for Action to improve access to ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) provision for migrant and sanctuary-seeking communities, particularly given the impact that limited English can have on health, wellbeing and access to services? How will Lambeth Together work with us at English for Action?

Response: Richard Sparkes, Director of Adult Social Care, Lambeth Council

Lambeth Adult Learning already provides language and digital skills support for asylum seekers and refugees. Additional outreach activity is taking place through sanctuary services, and further taster sessions are planned with King's. Lambeth Together and the Council will continue working with English for Action and other organisations to improve representation and awareness of available provision.

Response: Folake Segun, Chief Executive Healthwatch Lambeth

Organisations can use the Council's Connected Communities website and a developing voluntary sector directory through the Brixton Project to help residents and professionals find local services and improve awareness of available support.

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Question 3 continued



Response: Dr Raj Mitra

ESOL provision is also available through Healthy Children Healthy Start Centres, but there is a need to improve visibility. Opportunities exist to strengthen signposting through interpreting services and primary care staff so residents can be directed to appropriate learning opportunities.

A full response outlining the support available through the Lambeth Council Adult Learning Team has been shared and is available on our website alongside these summary notes and meeting recordings.



Question 4



Q. Jenny Cobley

If NHS Foundation Trust governors are abolished under the proposed NHS Modernisation Bill, how will patient, public and carer voices continue to be represented within local NHS organisations?

Response: Julie Lowe, Deputy Chief Executive, Kings College Hospital (KCH)

The proposed legislation would remove the governor structure currently used by NHS Foundation Trusts. However, discussions about future arrangements are still developing alongside wider changes affecting Integrated Care Boards and local government relationships. Governors currently provide formal accountability as well as an important local advocacy role.

Local NHS organisations are considering alternative approaches to maintain strong community representation without necessarily replicating the current governor election arrangements. Possible routes include integrator structures, public forums and other recognised engagement mechanisms.

Response: Alice Jarvis, Director of Operations and Partnerships

Patient, public and carer representation within local integrator arrangements is expected to remain an important route for involvement. Guy's and St Thomas' will continue engaging Lambeth residents to help ensure services are designed and delivered appropriately.



Question 5



Q. Mary McGowan, Citizens UK Lambeth

How will the new notification duty for households entering temporary accommodation operate locally, and how will it support continuity of healthcare and children's education?

Response: Paul Davis, Head of Commissioning, Supported Housing, Lambeth Council

The question has been referred to Housing Needs operational management for a detailed response. Work is underway to gather information about how the duty will be implemented locally, how continuity of care and schooling will be maintained, and what support arrangements will be put in place for affected households.

Update from Housing Team provided after the meeting:

The new s208 notification requirement does not change how placement decisions are made. We assess the needs of each household before a placement is made and, where children are involved, seek to minimise disruption to education by considering factors such as key stages in education, travel times, SEND requirements, and other vulnerabilities.

We are currently operationalising the new process locally, which will include notifying key services such as schools and GPs when households are placed into temporary accommodation. The aim is to support continuity of education, healthcare, and other essential services, particularly where placements are outside the borough.



Question 6



Q: Jenni Rodgers

Why is folic acid being added to flour when NHS guidance advises caution for some people with particular health conditions?

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

The policy aims to reduce neural tube defects, including spina bifida, and is expected to prevent around 200 cases annually through a population-level prevention approach. The decision was made nationally and implementation by manufacturers is expected by December 2026.

The amount of folic acid added through food fortification is significantly lower than the amount contained in supplements. Individuals with specific health conditions such as kidney disease or vitamin B12 deficiency should continue to follow personalised clinical advice about supplement use.

The fortification programme applies mainly to white flour used in products such as manufactured bread and biscuits. Packaging will identify relevant products so consumers can make informed choices. We will check and update this response once we check whether retail bags of white flour are included within the policy.

Updated: Retail bags of fortified flour will have this information included on packaging.



Question 7



Q. Corinne

Can Lambeth's NHS organisations and GP practices place greater emphasis on prevention so that hospitals do not carry the burden of preventable illness?

Response: Andrew Eyres, Lambeth Place Executive Lead and Corporate Director Integrated Health and Adult Social Care, NHS South East London ICB, Lambeth Council

Prevention is a central element of the Lambeth Together Health and Care Plan, available using this link: [Our Health, Our Lambeth Lambeth Together health and care plan 2023-28 - Lambeth Together](#). While high-quality treatment services remain essential, the partnership wants to support residents to access help earlier, improve wellbeing and prevent avoidable deterioration in health outcomes.

Supporting people to remain healthy and independent for as long as possible benefits residents, families and the wider health and care system. Prevention can reduce the need for more complex or specialist interventions where appropriate, while recognising that some residents will still require specialist care.

