

Member briefing on London Health and Care Collaboration Agreement and London Devolution Pilots

London Health and Care Collaboration Agreement

Lewisham Council became a signatory on Tuesday 15 December to a cross-London agreement, involving health organisations and local councils, that aims to transform services and improve health and wellbeing outcomes in London through new ways of working together and with the public.

The agreement describes 10 aspirations for transforming health, health care and social care across the capital and a series of objectives that they will jointly work to in order to turn these aspirations into reality.

Parties to the agreement agreed that a small but essential part of this transformation is the devolution of functions, powers and resources from government and national bodies where that can assist, enable or accelerate improvements.

Devolution pilots

To explore this further, a series of pilots are being established through which detailed cases for new devolved powers, resources and authority will be developed in partnership with government and national bodies to produce faster transformation than can be achieved in the current system.

The pilots will aim to test greater resources, decision-making and powers being devolved to London. Once business cases are developed, this would mean resources being devolved to London organisations within the pilots. This will enable decisions that affect Londoners to be taken by organisations that represent Londoners.

The overall health spending and allocations would continue to be in line with the intentions recently set out by Government in the Spending Review.

The Lewisham pilot

Lewisham will run a pilot seeking to integrate physical and mental health services alongside social care.

In Lewisham's pilot, the Council and the CCG, supported by local partners Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust and South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, will work with regulators, other parts of the NHS and Government, to tackle barriers to integration and increase the pace of the transformation of health and care in Lewisham.

This is a real opportunity to increase the pace and scale of our existing integration work. We will ask for those freedoms and flexibilities that will enable us, as Lewisham health and care partners, to accelerate integration and achieve more effective collaboration in Lewisham. We want to be able to use our resources in a way that better meets the needs of our local residents.

As a pilot, we have requested transformation funding to support the work we are doing to improve health and care in the borough.

Plans will be developed and in place from the beginning of April 2016, giving a clear identification of the specific powers and resources on which Lewisham is seeking devolution.

Other pilots

Four other devolution pilots have also been announced:

- Haringey will run a prevention pilot exploring the use of flexibilities in existing planning and licensing powers to develop new approaches to public health issues
- Barking & Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge – this pilot will develop an Accountable Care Organisation, where primary and secondary care are more closely integrated and patient pathways are redesigned with a focus on intervening early and managing the chronically ill
- North Central London (Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey, Islington) will run an estates pilot to test new approaches to collaboration on asset use
- Hackney will run a health and social care integration pilot, aiming for full integration of health and social care budgets and joint provision of services. This will also have a particular focus on prevention.

The 10 Better Health for London aspirations

Aspiration	2020 ambition
Give all London's children a healthy, happy start to life	Ensure that all children are school-ready by age 5 Achieve a 10% reduction in the proportion of children obese by Year 6 and reverse the trend in those who are overweight
Get London fitter with better food, more exercise and healthier living	Help all Londoners to be active and eat healthily, with 70% of Londoners achieving recommended activity levels
Make work a healthy place to be in London	Gain a million working days in London through an improvement health and a reduction in sickness absence
Help Londoners kick unhealthy habits	Reduce smoking rates in adults to 13% - in line with the lowest major global city and reduce the impact of other unhealthy habits
Care for the most mentally ill in London so they live longer, healthier lives	Reduce the gap in life expectancy between adults with severe and enduring mental illness and the rest of the population by 5%
Enable Londoners to do more to look after themselves	Increase the proportion of people who feel supported to manage their long-term conditions to the top quartile nationally
Ensure that every Londoner is able to see a GP when they need to and at a time that suits them	Transform general practice in London so Londoners have access to GP teams 8am-8pm and primary care is delivered in modern purpose-built/designed facilities
Create the best health and care services of any world city, throughout London and on every day	Work towards having the lowest death rates for the top three killers. Close the gap in care between those admitted to hospital on weekdays and at weekends
Fully engage and involve Londoners in the future health of their city	Achieve 10 basis point improvements in polling data on how organisations that deliver health or health-related services engage Londoners in service design
Put London at the centre of the global revolution in digital health	Create 50,000 new jobs in the digital health sector and ensure that innovations help Londoners to stay health and manager their conditions

The shared objectives

To meet these aspirations, all parties to the agreement share the following objectives:

- To achieve improvement in the health and wellbeing of all Londoners through a stronger and collaborative focus on health promotion, the prevention of ill health and supporting self-care
- To make rapid progress on closing the health inequalities gaps in London
- To engage and involve Londoners in their health and care and in the health of their local area, including providing information so that people can understand how to help themselves and take responsibility for their own health
- To improve collaboration between health and other services to promote economic growth in the capital by addressing factors that affect both people's wellbeing and their wider economic and life opportunities, through stronger partnerships around housing, early years, employment and education
- To deliver integrated health and care that focuses on maximising people's health, wellbeing and independence and when they come to the end of their lives supports them with dignity and respect
- To deliver high quality, accessible, efficient and sustainable health and care services to meet current and future population needs, throughout London and on every day.
- To reduce hospitalisation through proactive, coordinated and personalised care that is effectively linked up with wider services to help people maintain their independence, dignity and wellbeing.
- To invest in fit-for-purpose facilities for the provision of health and care services and to unlock the potential in the health and care estate to support the overall sustainability and transformation of health and care in the capital
- To secure and support a world-class workforce across health and care
- To ensure that London's world-leading healthcare delivery, academic and entrepreneurial assets provide maximum benefit for London and the wider country and that health and care innovation is facilitated and adopted in London.

Parties to the agreement

The parties to the agreement are:

- all 32 London Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)
- all 33 local authority members of London Councils
- the Mayor of London
- NHS England
- Public Health England.