

Fit for the Future

A New Direction for Community Services in Lambeth

“Our quality agenda can only succeed if the frontline NHS staff are given the freedom to use their talents.”

“We believe that staff working in community services deserve the same deal as those working in any other part of the NHS. They speak with passion about the potential for using their professional skills to transform services, but are frustrated at the historic lack of NHS focus on how to free up those talents. We will support the development of vibrant, successful provider services that systematically review quality and productivity, including new ways of working in partnership with others, to free up more time for patient care and to improve health outcomes.”

Extracts from High Quality Care for All, Lord Darzi's NHS Next Stage Review Final Report, July 2008, Chapter 5

We are at a very important stage in setting the future direction of community health services in Lambeth.

We have just published a paper which summarises the work of Lambeth PCT's Provider Development Programme, Fit for the Future. This work will lead to a new direction and type of organisation for community services in Lambeth, so that we can fulfil the vision for community services set out in the extracts above from Lord Darzi's recent work and improve the quality of our services for the benefit of the Lambeth population. We need your involvement in deciding on what that future should be. Community service providers in PCTs across London and outside London are also going through a similar process.

The paper contains:

- A proposed vision for the future of community services in Lambeth
- Proposals for how we could deliver services - the service model
- Proposals for what services could be provided
- Initial ideas on what form the organisation providing community services could take in the future.

To get a copy of the paper please look on the PCT intranet, email Angela Odunsi on angela.odunsi@lambethpct.nhs.uk, or phone Angela on **020 3049 4073**.

We want to have an informal discussion with all PCT staff, service users and partners about these proposals prior to issuing a formal consultation document later this year. We will also be carrying out some direct market research with service users. To take part in the discussion you are invited to:

- Attend one of the lunchtime staff events on 2nd, 11th or 24th September
- Come to one of the staff drop-in sessions on 6th, 13th, 16th or 17th October
- Attend the GP conference on 23rd September
- Attend the voluntary sector workshop on 3rd October
- Fill in the feedback section at Appendix F at the back of the paper
- Invite us to any event that you are organising.

Details of all these events are below. To notify your attendance please email angela.odunsi@lambethpct.nhs.uk or phone her on the number above.

Sue Gallagher, Chair of PCT Provider Development Committee

Kevin Barton, Chief Executive

Angela Dawe, Director, Primary Care and Community Services

Events timetable

Date	Time	Venue
Staff Events		
2nd Sept	12.00-13.30	Sunny Hill House, Sunny Hill Road Streatham SW16 2UG
11th Sept	12.00-13.30	Old Library Centre, 14 - 16 Knights Hill West Norwood SE27 0H7
24th Sept	12.00-13.30	YMCA, King Georges House, 40-46 Stockwell Road Stockwell SW9 9ES
Drop in sessions		
6th Oct	12.00-13.00	Gracefield Gardens, 2-8 Gracefield Gardens Streatham SW16 2ST
13th Oct	12.00-13.00	Railton Road Health Centre, 143-149 Railton Road Herne Hill SE24 0LT
16th Oct	13.30-14.30	Mary Sheridan Centre, 5 Dugard Way (off Renfrew Rd) Kennington SE11 4TH
17th Oct	12.30-13.30	Lower Marsh, 2nd Floor Room 204
GP Conference		
23rd Sept	13.00-16.00	Council Chamber (1st Floor), Royal Pharmaceutical Society 1 Lambeth High St, London SE1 7JN
Voluntary sector workshop		
3rd Oct	13.00-16.00	YMCA, King Georges House, 40-46 Stockwell Road Stockwell SW9 9ES