

Community members for the Lambeth Neighbourhood Health and Wellbeing alliance

Do you live in Lambeth and have experience of its health and care services?

Are you passionate and ambitious about working together to improve health and wellbeing for local people?

If so, we could be looking for you.....

What is the Lambeth Neighbourhood Health and Wellbeing Alliance?

The Lambeth Neighbourhood Health and Wellbeing Alliance is part of Lambeth Together. Lambeth Together will be Lambeth's fully joined up health and care system for people who live and work in Lambeth. It is being developed as a collaboration between all those who have a major role to play in our services in Lambeth and local people.

The Neighbourhood Health and Wellbeing Alliance is a partnership of voluntary and community sector organisations, GPs, Lambeth Council and NHS services who will focus on improving health, keeping people well, promoting wellbeing and reducing differences in access to services and health outcomes for local people.

What is the alliance aiming to do?

The Neighbourhood Health and Wellbeing Alliance has a shared vision for the next 7-10 years: "To maximise the health and wellbeing of local people, and achieve best value and quality, by services and communities working together."

The alliance is specifically looking at how we can improve the health and wellbeing of local people by bringing together services and activities by local area or 'neighbourhood', and in the community. As well as helping us to work in a more joined up way, we believe that organising health and care around neighbourhoods helps staff and local people to understand the health and wellbeing needs of their community, keep people well and make sure everyone gets equal access to the services they need.

Why are we recruiting community members?

We believe that the voice of people living in Lambeth is vital to achieve our ambition. One of the ways we will do this is by inviting people living in Lambeth, who have experience of using its health and care services, to be community members of all parts of our governance structure i.e. working groups, advisory and decision making groups. We are looking for up to 10 community members to work with us.

What does the role involve?

Community members will be valued members of a team of people who come together regularly to shape the Neighbourhood Health and Wellbeing alliance. Their role is to use their knowledge and experience, from living in Lambeth and using its health and care services, to improve health and care services and how services work together in Lambeth by contributing to the discussions and decisions made within these groups and by positively championing the voice of local people.

What are we looking for?

- A wide range of people who live in Lambeth and have experience of using its health and care services either as a patient, service user or carer.
- People who are ambitious about health and wellbeing in Lambeth, for example because:
 - They are a carer
 - They are bringing up a family in Lambeth
 - They know the impact of a long term condition on wellbeing.
- People who want to positively champion engagement with local people and the patient voice (with support from Healthwatch).
- People who are focused on achieving the best outcomes for all people in Lambeth and ensuring equality.

- People who love working together with others
- People who can commit to up to 2.5 hours per month for group meetings and review of papers. Please note that these meetings will be held during the day time. The role is for 6 months, with potential extension to 12 months or more.
- People with the ability to challenge, but still work constructively within the group and to work towards achieving a consensus
- People who understand the financial pressures the health and care system is facing, and who want to work towards delivering the best health and care service within this context.
- No previous experience of working with health and care groups is required.

What can we offer?

- An exciting opportunity to be involved in a major change to supporting health and wellbeing in Lambeth.
- Support to maximise your contribution through induction and training, and a key contact within the programme to support your involvement.
- Be part of a network of local people who have a shared ambition for Lambeth and wish to share and develop ideas
- Support from Healthwatch Lambeth, including regular events to bring together people in Lambeth who care about local people.
- A commitment to promote equal voice and value for all those involved.
- Opportunities to be further involved in specific areas of the alliance and wider Lambeth Together work that you may be interested in.
- A commitment to ensuring we minimise any barriers for people who wish to be involved, through reimbursement of travel expenses and looking at which groups would best suit your skills and availability. Other expenses, such as care costs, will be discussed on a case by case basis.
- A fair recruitment process.

How can I apply?

You can apply by giving us your name and contact details (email address/telephone number) and answering 3 questions.

- Why do you want this role?
- Why do you think working together is important for improving health and wellbeing in Lambeth?
- For the neighbourhood you live in, what is the most important inequality for your community?

You can respond to these questions in any one of the ways below by contacting Natalia.Sali@healthwatchlambeth.org.uk:

- Send an email with your responses
- Get in contact with us on 02072748522 or email if you'd like to arrange to go through the questions in person
- Send us a video response via email. If the video file is too large to send, go to <https://wetransfer.com/>. Simply input our email: Natalia.Sali@healthwatchlambeth.org.uk, your own email, and upload your video under the 'add your files' button. We will then receive an email and be able to see your video. No third parties will be able to see the videos when you upload it there.

The closing date for applications is end of **6th September**. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview. Please let us know if there are any other ways we can help you apply or if you have any questions on Natalia.Sali@healthwatchlambeth.org.uk.

The community member roles are only part of the way in which we will be ensuring local people are involved in Lambeth's Neighbourhood Health and Wellbeing Alliance. If you don't think this role is right for you, but you would be interested in being involved in this work in other ways, for example attending engagement event (including outside of working hours), please get in touch so we can keep you up to date with opportunities.