

Public Forum 26 May 2021
Questions from members of the public

Question from Susan Sidgwick

In the Public Questions section of the last meeting of the SEL CCG Board meeting on 20 May, the CCG provided figures for the aggregate total of CCG and Council funding for Lewisham CAMHS for the years 2018/19 to 2021/22. Can the Lambeth Together Board provide the same figures for Lambeth CAMHS?

What additional funding is NHSE/SELCCG and central Government making available to Lambeth to meet the increase in demand for mental health services for children and young people arising from the Covid pandemic?

Dan Stoten responded to the first part of this question. In terms of the aggregate figures over the past 3 financial years, we have seen an increase in budgets from £4.5 million in 2019/20 to just over £6 million for 21/22.

NHS England have been making national transformation funding available and this is currently being finalised. Once the final budget for this year has been confirmed these figures can be provided.

Supplementary Question:

Could a Breakdown for council and CCG funding be provided.

Dan Stoten agreed that this would be possible and will be in contact with Susan via email.

Question from Susan Sidgwick

In Item 5 on today's agenda, it talks about the socio-economic determinants associated with mental ill health, to what extent does funding either from the government or NHSE take into account of the distribution of these determinants in particular boroughs when it calculates how much funding to provide.

Andrew Eyres responded to this question. Within the NHS there are two aspects to funding. We receive a mainstream allocation which is calculated on a population basis, part of the calculation for this is the characteristics of the local population such as the demographic make up of the population (age/sex etc) but also includes weighting for deprivation. This money is routed through CCGs and represents the majority of the CCG allocation. There is also earmarked transformation funding, which is made up of funding applications, bidding processes, or specific policy driven allocations. As an example, much of the increase in funding for CAMHS has come through dedicated transformation funds in which NHS bodies bid for funding.

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Dan Stoten expanded on this and noted that transformation plans have been submitted to ensure a consistent approach across the South East London with a local nuance.

Cllr Ed Davie also commented that for the council side of funding there are three main sources, Central Government Grant, Council Tax and Business Rates. All councils have had a decrease in the Central Government Grant and in boroughs like Lambeth with high level of deprivation, we have taken a cut in this funding. This means that Lambeth have less money and have had to cut new services leading to an impact on services for children and young people which in turn arguably causes an increase in the need for mental health services. It was noted, however, that resources to support young people's emotional health and wellbeing had been protected from reductions by the Council.

Question from Nicola Kingston (Keep Our NHS Public)

Please can I ask one question about the new NHS Digital extraction of GP data, and if LT will ensure patients are informed of this, and how to opt out? Also, how decisions will be made nationally about who will be allowed access to data? Also, how such decisions are made locally?

Dr Adrian McLachlan responded to this question. He agreed that the communication aspect of this is very important and welcomed the positive comments on how we as a borough, have communicated with the local population. We do have a good experience of asking similar questions at a wider level and at the London Deliberative event last April there was a great discussion on the use of data. It would be up to Lambeth Together partners to make sure that arrangements are clearly communicated, visible and easy to read and understand.

Jim Dickson added that Lambeth Together would be arranging communications to inform people of the changes and how to opt out if they wish.

Nicola noted that SEL have a Data Usage Committee and it would be good to know more about this and how information is shared following those meetings and who is involved. Dr Adrian McLachlan noted that he was part of this Committee and would be happy to follow up with Nicola outside of this meeting if helpful.

There have been a number of concerns voiced nationally and locally around the NHS Digital announcement earlier in the year around the proposed framework for the way they collect and use GP practice data. South East London CCG provided an initial response summarising the approach and safeguarding including opt-outs which can be found online at <https://selondonccg.nhs.uk/news/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research/summarising>,

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On Tuesday 19 July Department of Health and Social Care announced in a letter to all GP Practices a move away from the previously fixed date of 1st September 2021 for this new approach. Rather than attach a date to the collection of this data, it has been paused with a commitment to continue to work with patients, clinicians, researchers and charities to further improve the programme with patient choice, privacy, security and transparency at its heart.

Within Lambeth we welcome this approach and will continue to engage with these developments as they evolve and will develop and provide clear communications to residents on how their data is used, including building upon any regional or national public engagement and consultation. Further details are available at NHS Digital here: [New plans to increase protection and strengthen security for GP data collection programme - NHS Digital](#)

Question from Nicola Kingston

In terms of the Governance proposals moving forwards it is important that a dialogue continues with the public and patients on our approach to engagement and involvement. Can we recommend that this work is taken forward in co-production with local people and patients and voluntary organisations.

Jim Dickson responded to this question. It is always our intention to work with an outward facing emphasis. And as you would have seen from the paper, we have a lot of work to do on ensuring that we are involving members of the public at all stages. In Lambeth Together we have prided ourselves on ensuring that the voices of our local people are heard and taken into account.

Andrew Eyres added that pre-covid we were doing development work on this working with Healthwatch, Black Thrive and others. This is now being picked up and we will seek to build on the good work that had been previously developed.

Jim Dickson noted that as a Lambeth Together partnership we can carry on meeting virtually going forward for the foreseeable future if that is helpful to the public and Members. Certain Council meetings will, however, no longer be able to meet completely virtually and this will include the Health and Wellbeing Board. Members will attend in person with supporting members of staff and members of the public attending virtually.

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