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Questions submitted by Odilon Couzins

1. I see that Lambeth's COVID vaccine uptake is lower than London overall, and that London is lower than the national rate (80% vs 60% vs 58%). Vaccine uptake is especially low among ethnic minorities, who have also been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. I know all of you have been working very hard to address this, but I'm wondering what suggestions you have for community members - how can we be more effective in supporting vaccine-hesitant friends, family members and neighbours to get their jabs?

Juliet Amoa, *Associate Director for Community Health and Engagement – Lambeth Council* and Tom Barrett, *Associate Director, Covid Response – Lambeth Council (Public Health)* responded to this question.

Juliet Amoa noted that a lot of work with various groups in the community has already been done to try to increase the uptake of the Covid-19 Vaccination by having conversations looking at how we build trust, including the event held at St Marks Church on Kennington in conjunction with Public Health England mentioned earlier by Anderw Eyres, where we had over 500 members of the public attending. There were many organisations offering help and advice on blood pressure and Diabetes along with community organisations offering support. We know that after the event many people took the next step to find help and support be that from their GP or other organisations. The grassroots project has been working with 4 small VCS organisations targeting people from black Asian and multi ethnic communities, to look at how we can build trust in a creative way looking at videos, small group sessions with young people and kitchen table top discussions. We are currently looking at the learning from this work in partnership with the Lambeth Youth Council to see how we can take this forward.

Tom Barrett noted that there were a number of online resources including the South East London CCG website and a South East London targeted vaccination website, which give a range of information including how to start the conversation around vaccination and also links to enable people to book an appointment to speak to a health care professional about questions and concerns. There is also Making Every Contact Count training and motivational interview techniques sessions available to frontline staff to maximise opportunities to discuss the vaccination with all residents when they come into contact with services.

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Raj Mitra, *Lambeth Together Strategic Board member and Lambeth GP* asked: what as a health care professional can I do to help vaccine hesitant people to

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agree to the vaccine? I have had the training and am signposting people to relevant resources but am still struggling to convince those people.

Juliet Amoa responded that for many it may be a decision that requires time to make; feedback shows that people do not respond to pressure, and benefit from information and reassurance to enable them to make the decision.

Sue Gallagher, Lay Member – Lambeth Together Strategic Board added: *Anecdotally it would appear that many people from Eastern Europe are vaccine hesitant and wanted to know if there had been work done to target this population working with some private general practices or the eastern European communities directly.*

Juliet Amoa noted that the Health and Wellbeing Bus has been really useful for those who may not be accessing general practice and other services. Juliet added that it may be that we need to look at more targeted work for this group. Tom Barrett added that word of mouth regarding the Health and Wellbeing Bus has worked very well. But we will take this away and look at it.

Catherine Pearson, *CEO Healthwatch Lambeth* noted the mention of trust and stated that Healthwatch Lambeth had been talking to people with a diagnosis of serious mental health issues in supported housing via Certitude. There is a general confusion around how you get the vaccine and some concerns around the availability of annual mental health checks. It would be good to look at how this check can be used to build long standing trust with this very vulnerable group of people. A long-term solution but one that can be taken forward.

Juliet Amoa noted that the Health and Wellbeing Bus has just started looking at inreach work and are currently looking at what resources and placements we have in place to start this work.

Andrew Eyres, *Strategic Director Integrated Health and Care – Lambeth Council and South East London CCG* added that Annual health checks and physical health checks for people with mental health conditions are really important and through the Lambeth Living Well Network we are looking at the uptake of these health checks and how these can be combined with conversations about the Covid-19 and Flu vaccination.

2. I've been checking CO2 levels in shops on the high street and in my child's school, and I'm really worried that ventilation isn't being seriously addressed. Given that COVID is an airborne virus and winter is upon us, shouldn't there be a high-visibility, evidence-based campaign for ventilation in all indoor spaces?

Ruth Hutt, *Director of Public Health – Lambeth Council* responded to this question

Adequate ventilation has become a really important factor in preventing the spread of Covid and has become the 4th pillar of the non-pharmaceutical interventions – Hands – face – Space – Ventilate/ fresh air.

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Within the business community, where we are aware of cases within a business, we work with them and have an environmental officer attached to our team who can provide advice on measures including ventilation which can be implemented to prevent the spread. Where we become aware of a number of linked cases or outbreaks in any setting, we will bring together the evidence of what we see happening with the control measures that might help reduce spread.

Schools have received CO2 monitors, along with a guide on how to use them. There is also advice on how to improve ventilation. The DfE provided 1,000 air purification units for special education schools and alternative provision last year. The government announced an additional 7,000 air purification units for early years, schools and colleges on 2nd January 2022.

A Public Health consultant regularly attends a Headteachers meeting to answer questions and give advice and where cases are being reported, we will make contact to again give advice on what precautions can be put in place to help prevent spread.

A winter public comms campaign also ran in lead up to Christmas highlighting the importance of ventilation. "Stop covid hanging around" was run as social media, press, digital out of home and other media campaign. An example of the campaign messaging is attached.

Response updated 11/01/22

Odilon commented that in his child's school there seems to be a lack of understanding on how to use the CO2 monitor and where to go for guidance.

Ruth Hutt reiterated that in Lambeth through the headteachers meeting we are giving advice and guidance and will make contact with the schools where there are cases. The DfE guidance is fairly simple but may not be comprehensive enough. It is challenging where schools are needing to retrofit ventilation, and this is a known issue amongst the Lambeth schools estate. There is some funding available to help with this. We are also happy to help schools with support from an environmental Health Officer where needed.

Questions from Gay Lee, Keep Our NHS Public (KONP)

1. What Local Authority political representation will there be on the Integrated Care Partnership?

Cllr Jim Dickson, *Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care (job share)* responded to this question.

Cllr Dickson confirmed that the leaders of all 6 boroughs will be members of the care partnership to provide strong political and democratic representation. In Lambeth

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Cllr Claire Holland will be our representative with myself as a substitute if Cllr Holland is unable to attend.

2. When you talk about an Integrated Care Partnership representation does this mean representation on the Integrated Care Board?

Currently government policy is that there should not be representation for elected members on the board, it is seen as an NHS and direct partners forum. Views on this do differ and many believe that there should be elected politicians on the board.

3. Regarding Minnie Kidd house, KONP have been working with a group of families who had family members relocated when Minnie Kidd house closed for refurbishment.

What can you tell us about when a public consultation will be held?

4. I have heard that there has been an external review on the quality of care, patient safety, Culture and Clinical Governance at Minnie Kidd House from the GSTT board meeting and have written to Cllr Jim Dickson regarding this. I feel that the response was not adequate and did not answer the questions asked. I wanted to bring this up at a public forum in the spirit of wanting to work with you on this but not feeling that there is a huge amount of cooperation.

Cllr Jim Dickson responded to question 3 and 4.

Cllr Dickson reiterated that this has been a matter that has been discussed with both representatives of families involved and KONP at previous public forums and noted that the response to the question was that the answers are likely to be contained in the material to be provided at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) , and when those are made available, we would be very happy to have a discussion with yourselves and representatives of families.

Sarah Austin, *Chief Executive Integrated and Specialist Medicine Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust* added that the paper coming to OSC is 14 pages long and is designed to have as much disclosure as possible. It also references the external review, although this is not available for wider circulation as it is unable to be anonymised, however a summary of findings will be made available within the paper. There will also be a second paper which talks through our thinking to date on the future of the site.

Questions asked by Susan Sidgwick

1. At the May Lambeth Together Strategic Board meeting there was a presentation on a government programme for Mental Health Support Teams in schools in which Lambeth would be a pilot. It was stated that eight schools would take part with more to follow in the autumn.

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Is there any further information about the Lambeth pilot and how it is working?

Is there an evaluation of the scheme in progress and will this be reported back to the Board?

Is the government's target of 35% of schools and colleges to have access to Mental Health Services by 2023 a realistic one?

Dan Stoten, *Integrated Associate Director Children's Commissioning - Lambeth Council and South East London CCG* responded to these questions.

The Lambeth scheme started in January and after a period of training, the team started seeing children in April.

An annual report is expected in January from the teams and will be brought to a future board meeting. **ACTION:** This will be included in the CYP Alliance Annual Report which will be brought to the Board in May.

There are a variety of mental health services which are contributing to the 35% target set by the government. We are also awaiting our next waves of mental health support team funding, which will enable us to enhance our offer.

2. There are 500 properties to be built on the old Lambeth Hospital site, will any of these be allocated to NHS staff considering the issues with recruitment and retention?

Jane Bowie, *Director of Integrated Commissioning (Adults) – Lambeth Council and South East London CCG* responded to this question.

The team leading on this development of the Lambeth hospital have been doing a few updates and a meeting has taken place with KONP regarding allocation of NHS staff housing. Jane agreed to follow up and provide further information after this meeting.

Sue Gallagher, *Lay Member – Lambeth Together Strategic Board* noted that during the consultation of the Lambeth Hospital redevelopment this was an issue that was going to be very actively considered. It is important to keep this high profile.

Cllr Dickson noted that the transferred facilities to Douglas Bennett house are open and in operation.

Further response from Jane Bowie:

Plans for the current Lambeth hospital site are for the demolition of all existing Lambeth Hospital buildings and redevelopment including construction of nine new buildings ranging from 3-18 storeys to create 1,2, 3 and 4-bedroom dwellings.

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There will be inclusion of 279 sqm of flexible community space fronting Landor Road, open space, garden areas, play areas for children, disabled parking, cycle parking, and supporting infrastructure; amended vehicular and pedestrian access from Landor Road.

Number of homes	553 Homes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50 per cent affordable (253); of which• 70 per cent (170) are social rented housing; and• 30 per cent intermediate (83)
Council housing	Blind tenure – occupants will be mixed across the scheme
Community space	Community space 279.2 m ²

In summary, 50 per cent of the new homes will be affordable and a significant number (170) will be available at a social rent through the council waiting lists. Whilst it is not possible to ring-fence or allocate homes for key workers we will ensure our local key worker staff are aware of the availability of those affordable tenancies on the site

The plans are scheduled to go to the Council's Planning Applications Committee on 14th December 2021.

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