

Lambeth Together Strategic Board Public Forum

Wednesday 20 July 2022



Questions from members of the public

Sue Gallagher requested an update on Monkey Pox and how this was being dealt with within Lambeth.

- Bimpe Oki provided an update on the ongoing work of the Lambeth Public Health team and also gave an update on current numbers within Lambeth. It was noted that there were currently 1300 cases in total in England. 75% of those cases are within London.
- People with symptoms can contact 111 and they will be referred to the nearest clinic.
- There are also pre exposure vaccines available to those people who are considered to be at greater risk.
- Guidance around contact tracing has been updated and most contacts no longer have to isolate for 21 days unless they have symptoms.



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Gay Lee asked Is there a report from the ICS population health Management summit that was held in June.

- Andrew Eyres noted that there is not yet a publicly available report from the Summit.
- Bimpe Oki added that the summit was very positive, with people from across the health system coming together. Highlights were that there was a good consensus about what was important across SEL, heard some very good examples of good practice from across the patch.
- Bimpe added that a video recording of the summit was available.
- Dr Di Aitken noted that the video of the day is available using the following link.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLd-YtZ5skxS84TJ0m1IJFY4Mtb49nsCdO>
- Andrew Eyres noted that Lambeth Together will be taking the outcomes of the summit forward within Lambeth.

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Gay Lee asked, What is the current covid situation in Lambeth.

- Bimpe Oki noted that numbers are not readily available, however 6% of the population had covid up to the last week, with a rapid rise over the past week. This rise seems to have now plateaued. The main group affected by this rise were the over 60's.
- Omicron variant BA5 seems to be the strain responsible for the recent rise.
- At present, no changes are proposed to the general guidance for preventing the spread of Covid.
- There will be a booster programme taking place during the Autumn for the over 50's and those at clinical risk. This will be in conjunction with the flu vaccine drive. Also, children in years 7, 8, and 9 will be additionally eligible for the flu vaccine.
- Andrew Eyres noted that capacity will be increased as we move into the Autumn and the booster programme.



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Odilon Couzins asked, Is there any thought of using the Zoe app for more reliable covid numbers

- Bimpe Oki noted that the Zoe app was a great tool and provides real time information. This does depend on people signing up to the app. UKSHA do track the Zoe app.

Odilon Couzins asked about Childrens mental health services, Given that we are seeing children being affected by the last two years, is there any plans to increase the service available. Also, Is there any coordination between services across the ICS patch.

- Dan Stoten noted that there is plenty going on both in regards to demand and activity. CAMHS are performing very well in the face of increased referrals and staffing issues. Waiting times are some of the best in the country at the moment. There is a broad emotional health and wellbeing offer with services such as Kooth, Centrepoin, CRUSE etc to work with specific cohorts of children and young people to prevent them from escalating further. Good links are available on the council website. The link is below.
- [Mental health for children and young people | Lambeth Council](#)
- Dan also noted that there are Mental health support teams in 12 schools currently, 2nd wave of funding will arrive early next year meaning that more schools will have access to mental health support.
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- Emotional health and wellbeing needs assessment is taking place to look at how to better improve the offer to our children before they reach CAMHS stage.
- Across SEL we are working together with SLAM and Oxleas and will have 5 key agreed priorities to ensure consistency across south east London.
- Andrew Eyres noted that at the first ICB meeting, this subject was very high on the agenda.

Sue Gallagher asked for confirmation of how many schools we had in Lambeth and what percentage 12 is.

- Dan did not know how many schools were in Lambeth. At the moment we have teams in 6 primary schools and 6 secondary schools.

Sue followed up with a question about the Council website guide, is it designed for the public

- Dan confirmed that this was the case.



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Kate Procter asked how the Lambeth Website was publicised to young people.

- Dan noted that it was publicised through various channels including, parents forums and schools

Polly from the Lambeth Carers Hub asked, Covid vaccination programme Autumn booster cohort, unpaid carers are now included. Are there plans in place to use this as a way to identify more carers in the community.

- Andrew Eyres, really good suggestion, don't think that this has been looked into, but I will take it away and put to our vaccination steering group and work with the Carers Hub to see what can be done.
- Adrian McLachlan, agreed that this would be a great piece of work to increase the number of carers known within Lambeth.
- George Verghese added that We are better placed than we were, with the help of the Carers Hub card to be able to get onto GP systems. The messaging has improved and there has a shift in unpaid carers not having to prove that they are carrying out this role. There is more work to be done, but this are starting to go in the right direction.

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Odilon Couzins asked what do the schools Mental Health Support teams look like.

- Dan Stoten noted that there are two teams, trained Enhanced Mental Health Practitioners (EMHP's), 6 month training before they are then placed in schools. They are not case loaded, they see children when needed, perform whole class sessions, train teachers and pastoral staff and there is one educational psychologist that oversees the two teams. 4 EMHP's per team with a team manager. Currently considering lessons learnt to see if we can make any improvements ahead of the 2nd wave of funding.



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Question from Wendy Horler

I appreciated the online reports for today's meeting with comprehensive risk assessments and wanted to ask if this will continue as some of us have found it difficult to get to the root facts. For example, detailing within a report that there is an NHS shortage of mental health staff, we know what you are battling against.

- Andrew Eyres noted thanks to Sue Gallagher and Warren Beresford for their work on getting the balance of information right. It is great to hear that we have found the balance for this meeting and will continue this going forward.

