

What's happening in Lewisham

Children and young people

In Lewisham we are supporting a strong start in life for children and young people by promoting a healthy and active life, and raising health and safety awareness.

To achieve our priority outcomes we are:

- Delivering our **Family Nurse Partnership Adapt** programme, supporting young parents to develop understanding of a healthy relationship, identify domestic abuse and the potential impact on the child.
- Promoting integrated pathways in the community for maternity, health visiting and children's centres services focused on **under 5s**.
- Implementing our **Early Help strategy** through our **Family Support Service**, to ensure that we provide effective early help to children and families.
- Improving the quality of care and experience of children and their families who attend the emergency department with short term illnesses. Providing a **Hospital@Home Service** to avoid children and young people being admitted to hospital when it isn't necessary, and for those who do need to be admitted to hospital to be discharged sooner.
- Developing new, joined up models of care for children and young people with long term conditions. This will include specialist nurses, clinicians based in GP practices and paediatricians (children's doctors) working together.
- Ensuring **services for children and young people** who need it most are well connected, focusing on better outcomes for asthma, complex needs (including personal health budgets and involvement in decisions around their own care), and delivering our SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) strategy.

