

What's happening in Lewisham

Community based care

Community based care is the advice, support and care provided outside a traditional hospital setting. It includes GP services and social care support, as well as a range of other care and support provided by the NHS, the Council and the voluntary and community sector.

In Lewisham we want to continue to improve and expand our community based care. We want to provide more care closer to people's homes and help them to maintain and improve their health and wellbeing, to stay independent for as long as possible and reduce the need for them to attend hospital unnecessarily.

- We want Lewisham's community based care to meet people's physical and mental health and social care needs in an integrated and coordinated way. So we have established neighbourhood community teams, bringing together district nurses, social workers, therapists and neighbourhood co-ordinators to work closely with GPs and other health and care professionals.
- We have improved connections between our community based health and care services and our voluntary and community sector organisations within four Neighbourhood Care Networks, enabling us to work more closely together and better address the needs of Lewisham residents.
- We want people to be able to find the information and advice they need, and to help them access local activities and opportunities, for health and wellbeing. So we are providing more information to residents online and in person, asking people to share and signpost others to that information, and working closely with voluntary sector organisations to build stronger and healthier communities across the borough.

Talk to us to find out more.

