

What's happening in Lewisham

Planned Care

Our aim for planned care services in 2017/18 is to support our population to live longer and improve their quality of life, look after themselves and provide access to the right services at the right time in the right setting.

Our plans include:

- Focusing on bowel and lung cancer to support early detection and prevention.
- Continuing to develop the Lewisham Referral Support Service (RSS), which helps our GPs to ensure that patients are seen by the right service at the right time – whilst enabling patients to choose appointments that are convenient for them.
- Developing the use of clinical advice and guidance services for GPs to ensure that only people who need it are referred to specialist services.
- Exploring the provision of alternatives to traditional outpatient services including community based services and the use of technology.
- Improving the quality of care and outcomes for patients requiring inpatient orthopaedic procedures, including hip and knee replacements.

