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# The Gift of Hope

**This holiday season, your generosity can make a world of difference for those who need it most. We are coming together to make Christmas truly magical for every child who calls Lambeth home.**

The festive season is a time for giving, and this year, Lambeth Sanctuary Services is once again bringing warmth and joy to children seeking refuge in our borough.

As a proud Borough of Sanctuary, we are committed to welcoming those affected by forced migration—whether asylum seekers, refugees, or others seeking safety. With your help, we can make this Christmas truly magical for every child who calls Lambeth home.




In both 2022 and 2023, thanks to the kindness and support of our incredible residents, local charities, and colleagues, Lambeth Sanctuary Services collected nearly 800 Christmas gifts for sanctuary-seeking children. This year, we're aiming to raise 330 gifts for children in the Homes for Ukraine, Resettlement, No Recourse to Public Funds, and Asylum Seekers schemes.

We have three great events planned for our children in December. They will be receiving a gift from Father Christmas and will get to spend some fun time with other children in their cohort.

We have compiled an Amazon 'Christmas Wishlist' and any gift purchased will be delivered directly to us at Sanctuary Services, Lambeth Town Hall, 2 Brixton Hill, London SW2 1RW. Any little help will be very appreciated.

For further details contact us on [sanctuary@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:sanctuary@lambeth.gov.uk)



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# Welcome

Dear residents,

The government set out its first budget last month, which included how it plans to take the first steps to repair the damage of years of austerity and underfunding of councils such as our own. It was an important moment and a positive one, given we now have a government who are keen to work with local government as partners to tackle

the major issues that we face. We know 14 years of structural underfunding cannot be fixed overnight and significant pressures remain on us, with the cost of housing homeless families in particular increasing to unsustainable levels. We will continue to work with government to tackle these challenges but it will likely mean difficult decisions ahead for us as we set our budget in the new year.

Despite these challenges, we will continue to support those in our communities most in need such as through our refreshed cost of living support package that we will soon be launching.

**Cllr Claire Holland,**  
**Leader of Lambeth and Chair of London Councils**



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# News

A round up of the biggest news and events in your borough



## Lambeth celebrates £4m investment in Brixton Rec

**Lambeth Council has celebrated the completion of £4million refurbishment to turn underused space at the Brixton Recreation Centre into the new home for two leading Brixton charities.**

The Revitalising Brixton's Rec Quarter Project has seen Lambeth Council invest £1.8million, alongside a £2.17million grant from the Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund and £400,000 from the Corporation of London, part of the Stride programme, to complete the ambitious work.

As part of the investment an underused space has been transformed into state-of-the-art

affordable workspaces to be used by two leading Brixton community organisations.

**Photofusion** – The renowned photography hub has been working in Brixton for 30 years where it supports photographers to develop their talents. The organisation has moved into a state-of-the-art new workspace that features darkrooms, gallery space and digital planning facilities that may otherwise be unavailable or too expensive for most photographers.

**Advocacy Academy** – The youth-focused social justice organisation will establish its own centre where young people can learn about community organising as well as having access to services including mentoring and mental health support. The new youth centre will cement The Rec's place for helping young people develop.

## Waterloo Foodbank appeal beats target

**Crowdfund Lambeth helped Waterloo Foodbank meet their £5,000 appeal target to help feed working families in the summer holidays.**

In August, the Foodbank set a crowdfunder target of £5,000 to help feed families in Waterloo so they could enjoy the school holidays and put an end to children returning to school in September undernourished, tired and with poor mental health.

By early September, with community donations matched by £2,500 in support from Crowdfund Lambeth, Waterloo Foodbank's summer project had raised £9,345 with 44 supporters – with donations still coming in in October.

The Waterloo Foodbank said: "This summer we provided 4,250 food parcels including feeding 1,471 children. Numbers have increased since last summer and we know it will continue to do so, especially as we head into winter.

"We're extremely grateful to everyone who donated to our crowdfunder, it has made a huge difference and meant that children and families in the local community have returned to school fed and ready to learn."

# Celebrating Young Talent in Lambeth

**Lambeth Council has announced the winning entry in a competition for children and young people to use their creativity to design artwork to provide help for SEND pupils.**

The council's SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy will support young people in school and the council asked children to create a design that represented ideas important to them.

These themes included local community, leisure, building independence, the importance of friends and family, and having their voice heard. The competition brief was to create a piece of art inspired by these themes.

The winning design was submitted by Arianna Frisby from Allen Edwards Primary School for her beautiful piece, 'Free as a Bird'.



## Looking towards Pride 2025

**LGBTQ+ activists, community leaders, and essential stakeholders joined Lambeth to start planning an LGBTQ+ Lambeth Pride celebration for summer 2025.**

Lambeth Council invited community leaders, LGBTQ+ activists, and essential stakeholders to discuss 'Bringing Pride Home' and plan an LGBTQ+ Pride celebration for summer 2025.

The meeting follows on from Lambeth officially marching at Pride in London for the second year, and from the Leader's Pride reception, which this year took place in the Assembly Hall, once associated with the Gay Liberation Front as part of their Tea Dance and Disco fundraisers.

At the Pride reception, the council pledged again to explore bringing Pride 'home' to Lambeth, supporting the LGBTQ+ community to host our own 2025 celebration.

## Friends boost biodiversity in Brockwell Park

**Lambeth Council and the Friends of Brockwell Park have worked together to extend and improve a wildlife-friendly habitat for native species that can also help prevent flooding.**

At the beginning of October, the Friends of Brockwell Park (FoBP) added to a new wildlife area by planting 1,300 wildflowers, designed to increase the park's biodiversity and improve people's access to nature. The Friends

paid for the plants, with match funding from Lambeth and the Mayor of London's 'Rewild London Fund' for the creation of the area.

As well as a habitat for wildflowers, it is designed to help prevent flooding in the paths and roads by capturing, slowing down and dispersing surface and rainwater flowing from the higher parts of the park, which helps reduce flooding on paths and surrounding roads.

The new wildlife area is in the north of the park between the BMX track and the Brixton Water Gate entrance.

## Lambeth hosts Living Wage Week event

**For the first time ever, five boroughs came together to celebrate November's Living Wage Week across South London. Merton and Greenwich joined an established Living Wage alliance of Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham.**

Lambeth Town Hall hosted an

event with employers and partners The Royal Foundation Homewards and the Living Wage Foundation to discuss ways to end in-work poverty and the barriers people face to employment.

The new Living Wage rate was announced in October and has risen to £13.85 in London.



# Healthy Streets



Lambeth Council is creating new School Streets to protect our most vulnerable residents from road danger and toxic air

**Lambeth Council has created 40 School Streets to protect pupils, staff and parents from air pollution and reduce road danger around the school gates during the busiest times of the day.**

School Streets use traffic restrictions to prevent motor vehicles from using local streets around schools during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times.

A further 17 School Streets are planned by November 2025 – meaning 90 per cent of Lambeth primary schools will be within one of the protective schemes. The remaining schools are located on main roads, and some will involve

discussions with Transport for London to reduce road danger around them.

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Lambeth Council has also unveiled a more ambitious School Street scheme as part of the Kennington Oval Reimagined programme that has transformed the streets around the Kia Oval Cricket Ground so they can be used by children as a space to play.

As part of the project the council has added play space for people to meet and socialise as well as new greening and cycle parking.



The council will review its existing School Streets to see whether similar upgrades can be made to introduce play or community spaces.

Deputy Leader Cllr Rezina Chowdhury, Cabinet Member for Sustainable Lambeth and Clean Air, said: “It is vital we protect our most vulnerable residents from the harmful effects of air pollution and road danger caused by congested streets.

“This is why I am delighted that by next November, 90 per cent of Lambeth primary schools will be covered by a School Street scheme. This will have a direct and positive impact on both young children, their parents and staff at the schools.”



# Make the school run your superpower!

**Choosing a school that is an easy walk or cycle away means:**

**You've done 2000 steps, and it's only just gone 9am.** That's the average return journey to a local primary school\*.

**Your child does 20 of the 60 minutes of exercise they need daily\*\*.** A long drive cuts the amount of time your child is active.

**You've given your brain a boost** - research shows pupils who exercise in the school day have a better memory and thinking skills.

**Less cars around the school gate!** So less air pollution, which is good news for children's health.

\*The average journey to the closest primary school in an urban area is an 8.3 minute walk (Department of Transport). An adult return journey is from home to school and back again. This journey can be done twice a day.

\*\* We've extended the time of the walk to 10 mins, as part of it is with children.





# Meet the cabinet

Our joint Cabinet Members for Healthier Communities Councillor Jacqui Dyer and Councillor Timothy Windle describe what Lambeth and partners are doing to support people to lead healthier lives

## You are the Cabinet Members for Healthier Communities, what does that mean in practice?

**JD:** Our responsibilities include the council's role in physical, mental and public health as well as adult social care, people with disabilities, local food policy, and providing services for refugees and asylum seekers.

## What are your backgrounds in health and care?

**TW:** We both work for NHS England, I work in the national Cancer Programme rolling out lung cancer screening which has

**JD:** I have had various health-related roles, and currently I am a Mental Health Equalities Advisor for NHS England that is informed by my lived experience. I was also previously vice-chair of NHS England's mental health taskforce and a member of the Ministerial Advisory Group for Mental Health.

## How does the council work with its partners to deliver a great service for residents?

**JD:** I am Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, which facilitates partnerships between the council, the NHS and local organisations, leading to improved health and

## Joint Cabinet Members for Healthier Communities



Councillor Tim Windle



Councillor Jacqui Dyer



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recently come to Lambeth. Previously I have worked for several cancer charities, pharmaceutical trade bodies and a long time ago I worked for the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

wellbeing in the community. Currently the Board's strategic priorities are ensuring the best start in life, to support people to lead healthy lives and have good physical and mental wellbeing, and to support communities to



flourish and build their resilience. Our meetings are streamed on the council website if your readers want to find out more.

**TW:** We also work with Lambeth Together to deliver our comprehensive Health and Care Plan, which includes our programmes of work on sexual health, homeless health and substance misuse. There's a lot going on, so I would recommend having a look at the plan on the Lambeth Together website.

### You mentioned your portfolio also includes adult social care. What is the council doing in this area?

**JD:** Significant changes are happening in how we deliver our home care. This year, we started the process of recommissioning this service under a new neighbourhood model of care using individual geographically based contracts. The new model of care is designed to bring home care workers into closer alignment with primary care and community health at a local level, to provide a more joined-up, consistent service to residents within eight neighbourhood areas. The changes are already underway, with a dedicated mobilisation team to mitigate any risks and ensure that residents are supported in their transfer of care.

**TW:** This actually coincided with our signing of UNISON's Ethical Care Charter. The Charter ensures that

home care workers receive a real London Living Wage, are paid for travel time and are part of an occupational sick pay scheme. I'm really proud that the council has taken this step as our care workers work so hard, and these measures will help them provide a great service to residents.

### And what is being done to address health inequalities?

**TW:** A big priority for us is monitoring outcomes for all demographics and doing what we can to address inequalities where we see them. Lambeth has to be a home for everyone, and we consider it a major injustice when people face barriers to accessing health and care. We want to improve the services that our constituents encounter. We recently launched our All Age Autism Strategy, developed in

**JD:** What's more, we are working closely with our partners to implement the first anti-racism framework for mental health, the Patient and Carer Race Equality Framework, in order to improve the experiences and outcomes of Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, including Gypsies and Travellers, refugees and asylum seekers. These measures enable us to contribute in a demonstrable way to being a borough of equity and justice and help improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in our borough.

### Anything else you'd like to share with readers?

**TW:** As always, we'd encourage residents to look into whether they are up to date with their vaccinations. You can find out more at <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations>.



**Look out for our Health and Wellbeing Bus and stop and say hello when you see it. You can pop in for health and wellbeing advice, blood pressure checks and vaccinations**

collaboration with diverse autistic residents and experts, and soon we will be releasing our Age Friendly Strategy which was developed with public forums attended by local senior older residents.

**JD:** I just want to encourage people to look out for our Health and Wellbeing Bus and to stop and say hello when you see it. You can pop in for health and wellbeing advice, blood pressure checks and vaccinations.

# Cost of Living

**Many residents are continuing to struggle with increases in the cost of living. You may be eligible for support that you are not claiming. Below are things you can do to help reduce your costs and increase your income. You can find more on:**  
**[www.lambeth.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/costofliving)**



## **Check to make sure you're not missing out on benefits**

Up to 7 million people in the UK are eligible for benefits but not claiming them. Use a benefits calculator to see whether you are one of them: **<https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators>**

There are also local benefits that can help you with paying council tax and housing costs. You can find out whether you are eligible on our website: **[www.lambeth.gov.uk/extra-support](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/extra-support)**



## **Improve the energy efficiency of your home and apply for discounts**

You can register for an appointment with Groundwork, who work in partnership with the council. They can provide advice on decreasing your energy bills and improving the energy efficiency of your home: **<https://london.greendoctors.org.uk/>**



## **Get help with food costs**

There are many places in Lambeth where you can access food in a crisis or a sit-down meal at a community centre. The Lambeth Larder website has a directory of the

support available:

**<https://www.lambethlarder.org/>**



## **Are you eligible for Pension Credit?**

If you're pension aged, you might be eligible for Pension Credit. Checking whether you're eligible could save you money this Winter, as well as help your income long-term.

If you would like to talk to someone about claiming Pension Credit, please contact the council's Financial Link Workers by emailing **[costofliving@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:costofliving@lambeth.gov.uk)** or calling **0207 926 5059**.

The deadline to claim Pension Credit and receive the Winter Fuel Payment is Saturday 21 December 2024 so call our team today.



## **Move to a social tariff**

Social tariffs are cheaper broadband and phone packages for people claiming some benefits. You can see information about the tariffs available to you on the Ofgem website: **[bit.ly/cheaper-packages](https://bit.ly/cheaper-packages)**



## **Seek debt advice**

If you're currently in debt, we'd recommend you speak with one of the boroughs

advice agencies: **[www.lambeth.gov.uk/get-benefits-advice](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/get-benefits-advice)**

You can also contact StepChange on **0800 138 1111**.



## **Make sure you've applied for your eVisa**

If you have a biometric residents permit, you need to apply online for an eVisa by 31 December 2024. Your immigration status won't change and it will ensure you can continue to prove your status for your work or housing.

Financial pressures can cause many residents anxiety, stress or depression. If you are concerned about your mental health, please speak to your local GP or health service. You can also contact Mind's Information Line for details on support available near you by calling **0300 123 3393**.

The council has a range of support available to residents struggling with the cost of living. Find out more about our support and other information on our website: **[www.lambeth.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/costofliving)**

# Budget

Lambeth: Chancellor's first Budget is a welcome move to restoring vital services – but more needs to be done

**Lambeth welcomed the Government's Budget as an essential first step on the road to rebuilding Britain's under-pressure front-line services – but appealed for more help to repair the damage caused by years of austerity under past governments.**

Council Leader Claire Holland said the Budget package announced last month had begun to tackle a number of longstanding problems confronting Lambeth and local authorities across the country.

Above all, she welcomed funding pledged for affordable housing, schools, social care and the Household Support Fund and Discretionary Housing Payments, which the council has previously used to support low-income families with free school meals and cost of living payments. Ahead of the Budget, Lambeth had warned the Chancellor, Rachel Reeves, that councils needed "urgent" help to cope with demands including the spiralling costs of finding homes for the growing numbers of homeless people across the country.

In Lambeth alone, pressures including long-term funding reductions driven by 14 years of austerity from successive previous governments, and the rising bill for providing temporary accommodation (TA) for homeless people has left the council facing a £70m deficit over the next four years. In her Budget speech, Ms Reeves acknowledged the need to work alongside councils "to repair our public services", and promised a "significant real-terms funding increase for local government next year".

She set out a series of proposals to address the situation councils found themselves in – including £230m extra for homelessness and rough sleeping, £2.3bn more

of central government austerity policies, and it's clear that they've listened to us. This Budget shows that they're ready to start tackling the crisis we're all facing as we strive to provide the services our residents depend on.

"We need action to rescue council finances from a long-term funding crisis that has left Lambeth needing to make over £30million in savings this year, and £70million over the next four years. In Lambeth, the astronomical housing pressures we're facing mean the budget for providing temporary accommodation for homeless people is £28million overspent.

"So, we welcome measures to tackle the housing market, and the promise of more money for



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for the core schools budget, and a pledge that councils would be able to keep all the money from homes sold under Right to Buy, to reinvest in council housing.

Cllr Holland said: "We have been engaging with the Government to set out the scale of the very real crisis councils up and down this country are facing after 14 years

key council services, including schools and social care. These are vital steps towards repairing the damage wrought by years of underfunding of councils and the critical services they provide. But we need to make bigger strides – and more quickly – if we are to reverse the damage and give people the services they deserve."





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# WANT TO HOST A PLAY STREET?

A Play Street is where neighbours agree to close their road temporarily but regularly to through traffic so that children can play while adults get to know each other better.

Setting up a Play Street won't cost you a thing. You can close your street for up to three hours a day for play, no more than once a week in any single street.

## Before you apply

It is important you consult with residents and local businesses that may be affected by your Play Street. You must also complete a risk assessment but don't worry, we have advice and templates on our website!

**The deadline is 1 January 2025** for Play Streets taking place between 1 April and 30 June.



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[lambeth.gov.uk/playstreets](http://lambeth.gov.uk/playstreets)

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# EU Voters

Voting rights for EU citizens have changed

## What is Happening?

As a result of legislation introduced in the Elections Act 2022, some EU citizens will no longer be automatically entitled to register to vote and stand for election.

Lambeth's Electoral Services Team will be conducting a review of all EU citizens currently registered to vote in Lambeth.

**Please note that this does not apply to any EU citizens who have registered to vote since 7th May 2024.**

## Which EU citizens will keep their voting rights?

- Qualifying EU citizens from countries with reciprocal voting agreements and who have, or do not require leave to remain in the U.K (Spain, Portugal, Poland, Luxembourg and Denmark)
- EU citizens with retained rights, who were resident in the UK before 1 January 2021 (i.e., before the UK left the EU)

These changes do not affect citizens of the Republic of Ireland or citizens of Commonwealth nations (including Malta and Cyprus, who are members of both the Commonwealth and the EU).

## What do you need to do?

If you're registered to vote as an EU citizen, keep an eye out for your review letter. Letters will be dispatched from **Monday 4th November**. You will receive one of the following letters:

### Confirmation of Eligibility Letter

– This will confirm your continued eligibility to vote and stand in local elections. **No further action will be required from EU citizens who receive this letter.**

**Notice of Review Letter** – EU citizens that we require additional information from will receive a notice of review letter. The review letter will direct you online to complete a historical residency questionnaire. The answers you provide will determine whether you're eligible to remain on the elector register as a qualifying EU citizen.

**We will be hand delivering a second review letter to any EU citizens under review who have**

**yet to respond to their first review letter.**

## What happens after I confirm my eligibility?

Once the review has been completed, you will receive either a confirmation of eligibility or a confirmation of ceased registration letter in accordance with the answers provided on your historical residency questionnaire.

These letters will be dispatched on **30 January 2025**.

If you have any questions or concerns related to the EU Eligibility and Confirmation Review, you can contact the Lambeth Electoral Services Department via our website by scanning the QR code.



# Access for everyone

Millennium Community Solutions launches Disability Building & Assistive Technology Audit

**As people age, they may face impairments such as strokes, repetitive strain injuries (RSI) or cognitive decline. With the retirement age rising, these challenges can significantly impact job retention, inclusive access and quality of life.**

To meet these challenges, in a pioneering new partnership with Lambeth Council, Millennium Community Solutions (MCS) has launched a disability building and assistive technology audit that provides free assessments for all voluntary and community groups that receive funding from the council.

Our service aims to ensure that buildings are accessible and inclusive, identifying any areas that need improvement and providing recommendations for necessary changes. The audit highlights the alterations or additions that may be needed to transform a property into an inclusive building, easy to navigate by disabled persons whether they be visually impaired, deaf, or physically challenged, wheelchair bound or otherwise.

Typical adjustments include issues such as level access, ramps, tactile surfaces, induction loops to aid hearing and placement of grab rails in accessible toilets.

But MCS advocates that access and inclusivity is not just about a ramp outside a building or a disabled toilet, it's about ensuring that people of all abilities can receive and use services or be employed in environments that are comfortable and fit for purpose. True accessibility means creating spaces where everyone, regardless of physical limitations, can fully participate and thrive. This requires thoughtful design, inclusive practices, and a commitment to meeting the needs of all individuals. One of our stakeholders, OCO connect are also there to empower disabled communities and build futures.

Since 2010 we have worked with and advocated for older Lambeth

residents and those who have a physical or mental disability or SEN. We have partnered and collaborated with Lambeth Council, Age UK Lambeth and DASL to assess and train people in Lambeth to use the internet and digital assistive technology devices to improve their personal wellbeing and employment prospects. Our advocacy has also led to Lambeth Inclusivity funding our new assistive technology assessment library at Southwyck Hall in Brixton.

If you would like to chat with Millennium Community Solutions to find out more, please give us a call on **07951087923** between 11am and 5pm Mon-Fri, or email us anytime at **[gail@millenniumcommunitysolutions.com](mailto:gail@millenniumcommunitysolutions.com)**.





# The Barbershop Experience

Providing a safe space for young people - while getting a hair cut

**We launched a project to offer young people a safe space to express themselves and get support. Temporary barbershops have been built in two Lambeth schools, Lilian Baylis and Trinity Academy.**

The Barbershop Experience is a weekly activity taking place in a barbershop space custom built by Public Works on school grounds. While getting a dry cut, students will have the chance to speak to youth workers and barbers.

The 12-week programme aims to combat serious youth violence in the borough by offering young people talking therapy. It will be run by youth workers and barbers who will use a cognitive behavioural

approach, which helps deal with problems by breaking them down into smaller parts.

Cllr Ben Kind, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education, said: "Too often, young men face challenges in expressing their emotions and navigating the pressures of life. This project isn't just about creating a safe space – it's about taking meaningful action to support them, ensuring they feel heard and understood."

"Barbershops have long been

hubs of community, advice, and trust. By bringing this environment into schools, we're giving young people the tools and confidence to tackle their issues head-on, setting them up for a brighter future and addressing some of the root causes of youth violence and exclusion."

The programme is organised by Lambeth's SAFE Taskforce Commissioning Team and is delivered by STEP NOW, a mentoring organisation based in Lambeth.

**The Barbershop Experience is a referral-only programme, for more information contact your schools or the SAFE Taskforce Team on: [SAFEreferrals@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:SAFEreferrals@lambeth.gov.uk)**

# Lambeth Key Workers: Can you become an Emergency Foster Carer?



## What is emergency fostering?

Emergency fostering provides short-term care for children and young people who need a place to stay. Often, this can come at short notice as children might need emergency care due to unanticipated situations.

EDT (Emergency Duty Team) is the out of hours social care service that operates from 5.30 pm until 8.45am on weekdays and throughout the weekends and bank holidays.

## Why do children need emergency foster care?

Having the option of emergency fostering allows young people to be transferred into a safe environment. At the same time, Social Workers can assess the situation in the family home and decide on the next best steps for the child in foster care.

## How long is the assessment process to become an emergency foster carer?

This could take between 16-20 weeks, as with mainstream foster carers.

Age Range	Child's Fostering Allowance Per Week	Carer's Fostering Payment Per Week	EDT Placement payment Per Week	Retainer Payment for being on the EFCS rota (if no placement is refused) Per Week	Total Allowance Per Week
0 - 2 years	£179	£252	£200	£100	£731
3 - 4 years	£182	£252	£200	£100	£734
5 - 10 years	£203	£252	£200	£100	£755
11 - 12 years	£232	£252	£200	£100	£784
13 - 15 years	£237	£252	£200	£100	£789
16 - 17 years	£270	£252	£200	£100	£804

### What does an Emergency Foster Carer do?

As an Emergency Foster Carer, you will help prepare the child for their next steps, which could include returning to their home or a long-term foster care placement. These short-stay placements will last a maximum of 14 calendar days.

While the fostering allowance isn't likely the main reason you're considering a career in fostering, we understand it's an important consideration. Our rates are in the table above and we are happy to discuss these in more detail.

### What are the requirements?

You must be prepared and equipped to receive children in crisis at short notice and expect a higher level of social

work involvement, meetings and appointments (e.g. medical etc), during the placement.

We require at least 28 days' notice if you no longer wish to be part of this scheme.

Please note, you can only

provide emergency foster care as part of this application. We are especially keen to hear from those with experience working with vulnerable groups who can demonstrate resilience and remain calm under pressure.

**Please contact us today for an informal chat and more information:**

**Call: 020 7926 8710 | Email: [fosteringduty@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringduty@lambeth.gov.uk)**

**Find out more: [www.lambeth.gov.uk/foster](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/foster)**



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**Be the difference.**



# Use your voice to improve health

Lambeth Together Public Forum is a space for residents, community members, and those who work or study in Lambeth to engage directly with health and care leaders. It's an opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and influence how services are planned and delivered.

The Forum meets every two months, either online or in person. It's informal, and there's no need to register in advance. There's no agenda — discussions focus on the issues people bring.

## Who's in the room?

**Councillor Jacqui Dyer, Lambeth Cabinet Member for Healthier Communities, and Co-Chair of Lambeth Together, chairs the Public Forum.**

Jacqui has extensive experience in mental health services and is dedicated to addressing inequalities, especially those faced by racialised communities. Jacqui is a strong advocate for community empowerment and meaningful change. "Come and talk to us about the improvements you'd like to see in health so we can build these in to make Lambeth a borough of equity and justice."



**Dr Di Aitken, local GP and Lambeth resident, is Co Chair of Lambeth Together and chairs Lambeth Together Board meetings.**

She has a keen interest in carers' needs and is passionate about diversity and inclusion. "I encourage people from all Lambeth communities who are interested in health and care to join us at the Public Forum. We want to hear what matters most to you, your family and your community's health."



## Meet Lambeth Together's Patient and Public Voice and Lay Members

Joining Di and Jacqui on the Board are two Patient and Public Voice members, local residents Sarah and Eugenie, and Lay Member, Jasmina, who brings experience from outside the health and care system to help make improvements. You can meet them at the Public Forum too.

**A member at Mosaic Clubhouse, Sarah brings her perspective as a local resident and former midwife.**

"It's important to connect decision-making back to real-life experiences."



Come along to Lambeth Together Public Forum!

**With lived experience of local healthcare, Eugenie joined the board to ensure the community voice is heard.**

"Residents need equal access to treatment and care for a fairer and brighter Lambeth."



**Jasmina has a particular interest in issues for carers and neurodivergent children.**

"I'm pleased to be a public voice helping to improve life for our diverse and brilliant community."



For information on the next Public Forum and other ways to get involved in improving health and care in Lambeth, visit [www.lambethtogether.net/get-involved](http://www.lambethtogether.net/get-involved) or scan the QR code





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## **GET VACCINATED GET WINTER STRONG**

If you have a long term health condition, like Bhav, who has asthma, check your eligibility and book now at [nhs.uk/wintervaccinations](https://nhs.uk/wintervaccinations)



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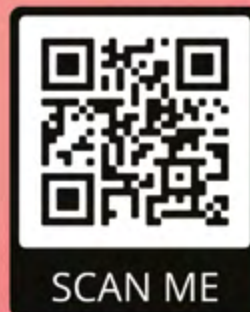
## Lambeth Mental Health service user workshop

- Do you have any experience of using Lambeth mental health services or Childrens/ Family mental health services?
- If so we would love to speak to you so please don't miss out on attending our workshop in November.
- Please contact us to find out more and to book one of the limited places.

You can play a vital role in shaping the future of local knowledge!

You will be compensated for your time.

Contact us to find out more: [Lambethheart@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:Lambethheart@lambeth.gov.uk)



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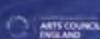


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**Was your child born between 01/09/20 and 31/08/21?**

If yes, your child should be starting primary school in September 2025.  
If you are a Lambeth resident, you should apply for a school place using the safe, free and easy to use portal via our website, **[lambeth.gov.uk/admissions](https://lambeth.gov.uk/admissions)**

It's available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, up until the admissions closing date, which is midnight **15 January 2025**. **If you apply after this date the likelihood of gaining a place at your preferred school may be significantly reduced.**

**For more information see the Lambeth starting primary school 2025/26 webpage via [lambeth.gov.uk/admissions](https://lambeth.gov.uk/admissions)**