

Lambeth Advance Care Planning Consortium

Terms of Reference

Lambeth Advance Care Planning Consortium is an open network of organisations working to promote advance care planning across the borough.

The Consortium brings together a range of local and national organisations to:

- Help local communities feel more comfortable talking about their future care wishes, end-of-life care, and experiences of dying and death.
- Support people to understand how to plan for end-of-life treatment and care, or for a time when they may not be able to make or communicate their own decisions.
- Raise awareness of where people can access support for advance care planning within their own communities and wider networks.
- Drive a culture change to mainstream advance care planning across local health and care services.

We want to make advance care planning accessible for Lambeth's diverse communities and increase the numbers of people documenting their wishes.

Our vision

All Lambeth residents have the opportunity to create an advance care plan so that their care and treatment wishes are respected at the end of their life or if they become unable to make or communicate decisions.

Membership

Membership is open to any organisation that supports these aims and is committed to working collaboratively to achieve them.

Current consortium members include local voluntary and community organisations, national charities and statutory health and care providers.

Members carry out a range of activities and projects, individually and in partnership, such as a local programme for Dying Matters Week each May. The Consortium may also seek funding for particular initiatives where there is an identified need or opportunity.

Meetings are held twice a year, or as required.

Facilitation

The chair will be a member representative, selected by the consortium for an agreed period. The consortium is hosted by Healthwatch Lambeth.

As host, Healthwatch Lambeth will:

- arrange meetings and liaise with the chair to compile agenda items
- circulate meeting papers and minute meetings
- keep an up-to-date membership and group email list
- maintain web content on the Healthwatch Lambeth website
www.healthwatchlambeth.org.uk/advancecareplanning
- field enquiries about the consortium and lead on communications.

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