

What are we doing?

- Providing better information to the public on where to get the most appropriate healthcare.
- Launching a new, improved NHS 111 Integrated Urgent Care (111 and Clinical Advice Service) and working towards improved links with other health services eg Mental Health, GPs, Pharmacists, Urgent Treatment Centres, ambulance services and community health professionals.
- Improving access to weekend and evening GP appointments as well as introducing the chance to be seen not just in person, but on the phone or online.
- Creating Local HealthCare Hubs bringing community nurses, GPs, mental health staff and other NHS specialists under one roof in community settings.
- Creating consistent Urgent Treatment Centres, so people understand what treatment can be given there
- Creating special areas in the hospital for specific emergency conditions so that people do not need to stay overnight in a hospital bed when there is no medical need for this.

What does it mean local people?

- You will be able to understand the range of local healthcare services available and how to access them.
- By calling or contacting NHS 111 Integrated Urgent Care (111 and Clinical Advice Service) you will be able to access the most appropriate clinical advice on where your health needs will best be treated as close to your home as possible.
- You will be able to book GP appointments more easily and these will be also be available in person during evenings and the weekends as well as over the phone and online. You will be able to be seen by a range of healthcare professionals in your community in new Local HealthCare Hubs more quickly.
- Wherever you live in east London, you will be able to be seen at our Urgent Treatment Centres for the treatment of minor injuries, including broken bones and minor burns.
- You are likely to be satisfied with your experience as a patient because we will be reducing the time you need to spend in hospital.

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Quality improvement

- Helping practices improve the experience of their patients
- Helping practices improve services for people with long term conditions
- Helping practices become a better place to work and remove administrative headaches
- Training staff in proven improvement techniques
- Sharing solutions that work across east London
- Established an east London Primary Care Partnership for Quality improvement Board which will enable acceleration of quality improvement approaches, learning and case studies across the whole area.

Provider development

- Helping GP federations develop to improve care, reduce overheads and give primary care a stronger future
- We are bringing GP federations and networks together to share learning and experience, and solve common challenges - we have recently set up an east London Primary Care Provider Forum.
- Establishing a range of online resources that GP federations and practices can use to take forwards quality improvement

Workforce development

- Working out what mix and number of staff will be needed going forwards and how to find and train them
- Working together to retain current staff for longer, making east London an attractive place to work for new recruits

What does it mean local people?

- More time with GPs to avoid rushed appointments and increased accurate diagnosis.
- Patients being able to book appointments quickly, within a reasonable timeframe and a pre-booked one if they wish.
- Patients being able to see a preferred clinician if they wish to wait longer for an appointment.
- Patient access to reliable information about the practice so that they can make their own decisions
- Patients not only being able to book appointments via telephone but by other means, such as through the internet website, emails, digital TV or by text.
- Increased access to a range of health professionals to provide care best suited to individual needs
- Better support and information to enable the public to take better control of their own health.
- A service that treats patients as people not numbers.



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- Enabling GP appointments to be booked online.
- Allowing people to view their own health and care records.
- Putting more services, such as some GP consultations and mental health services, online.
- Improving information systems and sharing records to allow health and care professionals to work closer together.

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- You will be able access health and care services more quickly and easily.
- You will be able to book GP appointments or talk to your GP online.
- Doctors and other care professionals will be better placed, with the right information, to help prevent illness and give you better care, should you need it.
- You will be able to get care closer to home, or in your home.
- You will have better information on how to stay healthy and well.

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- Working with partners to address the wider determinants of mental health eg access to accommodation, education and employment.
- Supporting the roll out of digital self-management tools such as the London Digital Mental Wellbeing Service (www.digitalwellbeing.london).
- Developing an east London-wide suicide prevention strategy.
- Supporting employers to improve staff mental health and emotional wellbeing via programmes such as Mental Health First Aid.
- Developing our talking therapies services so they are more appointments with reduced waiting times.
- Integrating mental health services into GP surgeries, A&E and General Hospitals.
- Developing perinatal mental health services for expectant mums and mums of new babies.
- Improving services for people experiencing a crisis by ensuring everyone in crisis can access mental crisis support 24/7.
- Delivering mental health treatment at home.
- Delivering specialist mental health services for children and young people closer to home.
- Developing a new Child and Adolescent Mental Health Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit here in East London.

What does it mean local people?

- Improved access to and shorter waiting times for psychological therapies.
- A wider range of mental health services to be accessible via your GP
- Your mental and physical health and social care needs treated as one, wherever and whenever necessary.
- Enhanced support to access the right education, employment and accommodation opportunities for people with mental health issues.
- People in east London will have access to the same range of mental health services wherever they live.

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- Ensuring that we are seeing all patients who need an urgent appointment within 2 weeks.
- Making sure that patients are receiving their tests and diagnostics on time to enhance early diagnosis and treatment and improve cancer survival.
- Educating GPs and other professionals to improve better communication with hospital consultants.
- Encouraging patients in east London to take up their screening.
- Improving IT and administrative processes to make sure the cancer referral pathway is effective and patients' care is integrated.
- Listening to patients and carers to ensure that we keep improving their care with all our partners.
- Working with Public Health services to improve prevention and lifestyle choices.

What does it mean local people?

- If you are referred urgently by your GP or another health care professional you will get seen within two weeks.
- If you have a cancer diagnosis, you will receive treatment quickly in order to improve your chances of survival.
- A number of health and social care professionals will be involved in your care to ensure your care is integrated.
- Your experience of care will be positive because we are listening and making improvements.
- If you take up screening when you get an appointment, you are likely to receive early detection and treatment.
- If we in east London improve our lifestyle choices, fewer of us will develop cancer.

What are we doing?

- Working with and listening to local women in East London to understand their needs and design care based on those needs.
- Working to ensure that unbiased information regarding choice of place of birth is available for women.
- Ensuring the workforce is sustainable in the next 5 - 10 years to cope with the level of births in East London.
- Ensuring safe and high quality care for all mothers and babies.
- Working together to ensure each woman receives continuity of care with the same staff members throughout her pregnancy and birth

What does it mean local people?

- You will be able to see one or two midwives throughout your pregnancy to ensure continuity of care.
- If you have a long-term condition such as diabetes, or you are having twins or other multiples, you will be seen by your midwife and obstetrician regularly and may be referred to a specialist
- You will be able to use a website or app to give you more information about the places available to you to give birth in East London.
- The plan for care during your pregnancy will be developed and agreed between you and your midwife or obstetrician.
- Your overall experience of care during and after your pregnancy will be positive and of high quality.

What are we doing?

- Following national recommendations from NHS England we will review the prescribing of certain medicines, where there is either limited evidence for their effectiveness or for which there are safer alternatives. This will ultimately save money for NHS reinvestment.
- Buying specific medicines (biosimilars such as anti-inflammatory medicines infliximab and etanercept) from alternative better value suppliers, which saves money for re-investment.
- Reducing medicines waste may involve the empowerment of patients, encouraging them to take charge of their overall health. This could lead to better outcomes e.g. medication reviews with pharmacists that identify medications that are no longer needed.
- Decreasing antibiotics resistance by reducing the amount and type prescribed and educating patients and prescribers on the importance of completing courses of anti-biotics in the instances where they are necessary.
- A review of the pharmacy workforce; analysing the benefits of increasing the presence of clinical pharmacists within GP practices and/ or clinics in order to help ensure the right medicines, at the right time for the right patients.

What does it mean local people?

- You will be able to get professional medical advice for all minor ailments in all pharmacies, including out of hours pharmacies.
- Pharmacists will also give you consistent advice on the nature of medicines available to buy over the counter and available on prescription and point you in the correct direction for your symptoms.
- You will not be prescribed anti-biotics unless they are essential.
- You will be less likely to be kept in hospital waiting for medicines to be prescribed.
- The cost of prescribing medicines to you as a tax-payer will be less, meaning funds can be allocated to other parts of the health and care service.

What are we doing?

- Building better support into our hospitals, mental and community health services to help smokers quit.
- Improving workplace health across east London, starting with the NHS. Because happier, healthier NHS staff means better healthcare for patients.
- Improving screening processes to better identify those at risk of contracting Type 2 diabetes, and offering courses to help those people change their lifestyles.
- Standardising care for people with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes in GP surgeries and hospitals across east London.
- Empowering people, through flexible self-care course, to better look after their diabetes and avoid unnecessary hospital trips.
- Working with local schools, education institutions, local employers, libraries and voluntary services, to provide better support for young people with diabetes, taking into account their social and economic context.

What does it mean local people?

- Better support to quit smoking, with help and advice available at many health and care centres, workplaces and online.
- Better screening, treatment and support for diabetes.
- New services to help young people, and pregnant women, manage diabetes better.
- Better opportunities and more support to stay healthy at work.
- Greater consistency of healthcare opportunities and support across east London.