



The Exploring our Futures project is developing potential future scenarios for health and care in Lambeth and Southwark up to 2030, in order to inform discussion and action by us all today. The project is being led by a wide group of local partners, and seeks to involve anyone interested in the future of care and health in our area.

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The story so far

The following insights were identified at the positively reviewed 29 March meeting at Coin Street:

The current **strengths** of health and care in Lambeth and Southwark

- An area with a strong and well developed sense of community - reflected in strength of the local voluntary sector and many good examples of collaborative working
- A willingness to embrace and drive innovation - seen in Lambeth's move towards a co-operative council and many other initiatives
- A comparatively young population that is technically savvy - the challenge is to mobilise this for the benefit of the wider community
- GPs that are grasping the opportunities offered by GP commissioning to connect to patients and the wider community in a different way
- World class secondary and tertiary healthcare, which has a real connectedness to local community

The main **challenges** to be addressed over the coming years

- Reducing current system complexity - moving from a series of "bolt on" projects with multiple entry points to a more co-ordinated and integrated set of services across health, social care and the voluntary sector that is easy to navigate
- Equipping the current and future workforce to meet future challenges - move from a professionally driven paradigm to a patient driven one - including mobilising the power and expertise of the patient
- Improving the overall quality and capacity of primary care and so rebalancing the system between hospital and community
- Building a system that recognises and adapts to the high degree of population churn and other environmental factors such as the quality of housing and employment
- Responding to the key public health challenges such as childhood obesity, mental ill health and HIV.

A page from the record of the meeting:



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STRATEGY INSIGHT EVENT 29 March 2012 (afternoon)	HORIZON SCANNING SESSION 4 May 2012 (morning)	OUR POSSIBLE FUTURES CONFERENCE 24 May 2012 (all day)	FUTURES TESTING EVENT 11 July 2012 (all day)
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1. The first meeting (29th March) provided the bedrock of evidence for the work and answered the first question for any strategic process – where are we now?
2. In the **second session** (on 4th May) we lift our eyes to the future horizon and reflect on the key trends and issues that will shape services in the future.
3. In the third session we build a range of plausible scenarios for the future including our preferred scenario.
4. In the final session we reflect on the implications of these scenarios for our current services and strategies. What actions should flow from this?

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Each meeting will blend leading edge speakers with interesting interactive group discussions.

Forthcoming sessions include: an update on the data analysis from RAND, creative patient and person focused group work, building scenarios, voting on proposals, and rapid negotiation.

