



PPG Tabled Questions 22 - 11-2021

- 1. In September I was visited by a male nurse who had been sent to take a blood test from me for which I would have normally come to the surgery. I learnt afterwards that he was a phlebotomist from an independent company used by Paxton Green GPs centre. The Company concerned is called the NHS Federation I believe.**

What is its role at Paxton Green and are there any other health providers, independent of the NHS whom GPs are using here including those who now form part of what is termed an 'integrated health service@?'

Lambeth Healthcare is the 'GP Federation' for Lambeth, working closely with GP Practices. Lambeth GP Federation is GP-led. Certain services are better provided across the borough by a single provider and the GP Federation is in a good position to deliver some of these.

The GP Federation is a not-for-profit NHS organisation that works on behalf of Lambeth GPs. They provide a wide range of services that are commissioned by the NHS e.g. the CCG, NHS England and now an Integrated Care System (ICS). NHS South East London Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) covers the boroughs of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark.

Their aim is to work with partners to improve care and health outcomes for local people by commissioning services from local providers such as GP Practices, hospitals and GP Federations.

Examples of services provided by the GP Federation include Primary Care Access Hubs (to provide more appointments across Lambeth), primary medical services to several care homes and a number of other smaller specialist primary care services, some of which are delivered in patients' homes.

One other recent service they have provided is a Covid-19 vaccination centre for Lambeth patients, to improve access and uptake of the vaccine across the borough.

This supplements the vaccination work done by GP practices and Primary Care Networks, such as Croxted PCN (a collaboration of Paxton Green Group Practice, Brockwell Park Surgery & The Old Dairy Health Centre). The GP Federation uses part of our building for an administration office. This type of integrated working between providers is the future mapped out by NHS England's current plans.

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