

Reimagining Akerman

How can we realise a true neighbourhood-led way of working through co-production?

Akerman, a community health centre in SW9, is a resource in Lambeth that is by no means meeting its potential. As a building, Akerman is under-utilised costing our local care system a significant amount of money every year. But Akerman isn't the only resource in Lambeth not meeting its potential to create greatest value for residents. We believe the solution doesn't just simply lie in 'sweating' our resources, but instead lies in better realising the power and potential of more connected and empowering neighbourhood-based working. Achieving this will require our support services and organisations to work differently with our people and communities.

As part of the SE London LCN approach, Lambeth CCG- with support from a not-for-profit consultancy specialising in co-production- is looking to take an innovative approach to how we design and deliver true neighbourhood-based working.

We would like to explore with the LCN Forum our key elements underpinning our approach:

- Take a co-production-led approach, working in close partnership with diverse individuals from the community, practitioners and organisations across agencies
- Draw on the learning we have locally from areas like mental health (Living well Network approach) and from national partners exploring these challenges
- Focus on a set of key enablers for realising better health and wellbeing outcomes; neighbourhoods, personal networks and digital technology
- Initially focus on Akerman and its surrounding community to demonstrate the potential of new ways of working and generate meaningful and tangible learning
- Run an intensive and hands-on programme over a 6-8 week period to explore this ambition
- Take an action-oriented approach that builds on innovative and evidenced practice to rapidly design, develop and test ideas for working differently
- Establish and support a systems-level learning forum to run alongside the programme. This will explore the potential of both the ideas being generated and the development approach, in order to shape the wider strategy for LCNs, strategic estate planning and service development

During the LCN Forum, we would like to explore the following:

1. How the outlined approach aligns to wider work across Lambeth, particularly with the LCNs
2. What kinds of learning would the LCN forum want this approach to generate in order to shape the LCNs strategy and approach
3. What barriers and enablers to realising the potential of neighbourhood-based working does the forum identify are priority to explore and engage with?

What if Akerman was a...



1	PEOPLE CONNECTOR	Enhancing social and emotional wellbeing through connecting people
2	BEACON OF INNOVATION	Co-producing to harness the power of digital, relationships and place.
3	COMMUNITY PLATFORM	Positive community action that unlocks local energy, skills and capacity
4	NETWORK BUILDER	Collaborative of people & organisations working towards shared outcomes
5	CONDITION MAKER	Nurturing the potential of local organisations assets and aspirations