

# Camden and Islington LDC Plan for 2026



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# Introduction

The Camden and Islington LDC has a clear Vision and Mission:

**Our vision:**

Dentists of Camden and Islington to be supported to help reduce health inequalities and improve health outcomes.

**Our mission:**

To increase awareness of the importance and role of oral health and primary care NHS dentists in reducing health inequalities and improving health outcomes among local stakeholders.

**The Vision and Mission are supported by two key principles:**

**Transparency:** We will communicate our activities regularly to members and all members actively working on projects on behalf of the LDC will provide regular updates to the membership.

**Passion:** We will advocate strongly for colleagues with our local stakeholders explaining how important dental services and oral health are.

Camden and Islington LDC is the proactive, solution focussed voice of primary care NHS dentists in the two boroughs. By increasing awareness of the role that oral health and dentistry has on overall health, on managing conditions, increasing happiness and reducing pressure on other services we will build interest and investment in local dental services. By showing value, bringing solutions and identifying how we can help our partners we will ensure that the voice of dentists in Camden and Islington is heard. We will make dentistry an integral part of local strategies to reduce health inequalities and improve health outcomes, helping to safeguard and grow our services for the benefit of our community into the future on a sustainable footing.

We have built good relationships with the North Central London Integrated Care Board, which will continue as it merges with North West London ICB. We have also developed strong links with the local authorities and will continue to build on these relationships.

# Operation of the Board

Since our restructure three years ago we have been refining our operational model. In the future the Chair of the LDC will rotate on a quarterly basis with a more structured approach to meetings. Our new plan for the operation of the Board is set out below:

Chair	Term	Board Meeting	Volunteers Meeting	Open meeting
Camden	01 January - 31 March 2026	Jan 2026	Feb 2026	Mar 2026
Islington	01 April - 30 June 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026	Jun 2026
Camden	01 July - 30 September 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Sept 2026
Islington	01 October - 31 December 2026	Oct 2026	Nov 2026	December 2026 (AGM)

# Local Engagement

While the NHS continues to undergo changes and reforms we will focus on local engagement. We are in regular contact with the ICB and will be working with them to roll out the diabetes pilot which started in Enfield to the whole of north central London. As the integration agenda becomes stronger we hope to build more regular engagement with the ICB, especially through the GP led Primary Care Collaborative. Both members of the Board will continue to lead on the engagement with the ICB.

As well as our work at the ICB level, we will continue to build relationships in the boroughs to ensure that dentistry remains a strong priority. We have agreed a code of conduct for volunteers and a policy for appointing volunteers. Through these hope to have a range of engaged and active colleagues ready to represent the profession at the local level. The importance of this is shown by the fact that the local authorities in north central London are working together on oral health initiatives already and the LDC needs to be part of that conversation. We will also continue our relationships with local Healthwatch to help patients have access to accurate and timely information about dentistry.

Finally we will begin engaging actively with colleagues from pharmacy and optometry so that we can support each other and strengthen the voice of primary care.

Our local engagement is expected to revolve around the following local stakeholders:

Stakeholder	Frequency	Member
Local Healthwatch	bi-annual	1 volunteer per borough
Local Authority	quarterly	1 volunteer per borough (Islington - Matthias Wohlberg)
Integrated Neighbourhood Team leads	quarterly	As required
Local Pharmacy Committee and Local Optical Committee	quarterly	1 volunteer for the LDC

# Communication with members

Communication with the wider membership is conducted through monthly email newsletters. In general our newsletters have an open rate of 68.3 per cent, which is fantastic and we will continue to send out monthly newsletters with updates on what the LDC is doing on your behalf. Our newsletters contain polls every month. To date these have had very low engagement, but we would like to see this increase as feedback helps ensure we are reflecting the general position of members.

As well as reports on our activities and information from stakeholders we will start to hold bi-monthly stakeholder meets with different dental groups in the LDC area, such as IMOS providers, which we will write up.

We have produced two infographics for every borough - 4 in total this year as we have updated the information. These will now be updated annually and provide simple data on dental activity in each borough.

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