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Joint Commissioning in Lewisham

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Unique health needs

Population: 267,400

- Culturally and ethnically diverse
- Young and rapidly growing (71% aged <44 years)
- High levels of deprivation
- Infant mortality below national average

- High numbers of early deaths from:
  - Cancer
  - Heart disease
  - Smoking
- High incidence of:
  - Childhood obesity
  - Teenage pregnancy
- Life expectancy below national average but rapidly increasing

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Unique health challenges

High levels of health inequalities

High social deprivation

- Spearhead PCT status

High variation in levels

- Joint strategic needs assessment
- Partnership working with Local Authority

Variation in services provided

- Targeted commissioning work
- Partnership working with contractors

Being addressed via

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Total Place - Themes

- Unemployment and worklessness
- Crime and offender management
- **Commissioning of health and social care services for children and adults**
- Assets and energy

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Health and social care services

- Strong partnership working
- Covers adult and children's services
- Informal yet very effective
- Leading public health role

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The Journey

- Agreement: July 2009
- Aligned budgets: Adults - £200m
- Project team assembled
- Due diligence completed
- Staffing
- Support services
- Contracts negotiated
- Legal

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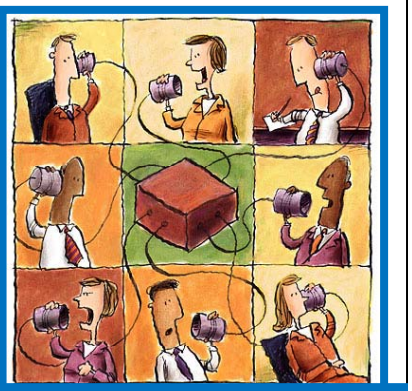
Opportunities

- Seamless service to users
- Easier interface with others
- Decisions across the whole system
- Lower commissioning costs
- Better outcomes + efficiency



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Challenges

- Performance and data reporting
- Legislation
- Funding routes
- Staffing/pensions
- Level of acceptable risks