

Don't cut NHS children's mental health and other key services in Lewisham! Fight the cuts!



[Save Lewisham Hospital Campaign](#) started this petition to Damien Egan (Mayor of Lewisham)

Lewisham council plans to cut £250,000 from the money it spends on the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). This service assesses and treats young people with serious mental health difficulties. It is already struggling to see everyone who needs support and to make sure they get all the specialist support that should be provided.

Following ongoing devastating cuts caused by the Government's slashed funding to local authorities, Lewisham Council is planning a further £2.5million of cuts to services that protect mental health. Services which are now more important than ever because schools are closed, social contact is rare and many people have lost loved ones or are distressed by the most deadly time since the second world war.

The planned cuts include:

- Cutting £350,000 from the Health Visiting service, who make sure people under 5 are safe, healthy and their families have support.
- Closure of supported housing for mothers and babies who are homeless and under 25.
- Closure of housing placements for adults with enduring mental health needs.
- Closure of The Bridge leisure centre.
- Cutting a further £250,000 from Mental Health supported housing.
- Cutting £150,000, without consultation, from the Youth Offending Service.
- Cutting £170,000 from children's services, specifically, the services that run children's centres, adventure playgrounds, and counselling for drug, alcohol or sexual health problems.
- Cutting £600,000 from the housing budget.
- Cutting £250,000 from budgets for sexual health services.
- Cutting £150,000 every year from the substance misuse budget, particularly cutting services for stays in detox units.