



# *Developing Services for BME*

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# *Background Information*

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## Population Trends

The 2001 census information indicates that 6.3% of Middlesbrough population are from BME communities.

Over the next 15 years there will be a significant increase of the local population over 75 years.

20% of children with disabilities are from ethnic minority background.



# *Background Information*



## **Various Religions in Middlesbrough**

Christians 103610

Buddhist 166

Hindu 333

Jewish 58

Muslim 5689

Sikh 154

Others 24492



The majority of the children in Middlesbrough from BME communities are from Pakistani origin; this equates to 63% of the total ethnic population





## *My Role*

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Priorities for BME development work are highlighted in Learning Disabilities Ethnicity consultation and action plan.

The post was put in place in May 2005 using Learning Disabilities Development Fund Resource.



# *Area of Work Undertaken*

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Carers Group

Carers Group Management Committee

Women Carers Mental Health Support Group

Teenage in Transition Social Network Club

Young Women's Media Group(Meri Nazar Se)

Facilitating Person Centred Plans

Facilitating Person Centred 14+ Reviews

Advocacy Project





## *Area of Work Undertaken*

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Supporting BME Transition Work

Supporting Social Work Staff with any BME issues

Delivering Cultural Awareness Training to all of Middlesbrough Council staff and to few Health Departments

Carry out mapping of Employment, Education and Short Breaks

Yearly User Satisfaction Survey.



# *Making it Possible*

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Targeted one Service Area

Used current data on SUs and Carers

Personal Home Visits

Liaised with Children's Services and Mental Health Service

Secured support of an Occupational Therapist from Mental Health Service

Networked within the Organisation to raise awareness of my role.





# *Making it Possible*

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Motivation and Enthusiasm

Supportive Management

Received Support from Voluntary Sector

Hands on Approach





# *Long Term Impact*

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Department of Social Care has received 3\* Status

Recognition of such work to be carried on

Teenage in transition Social Network Group –  
Mainstream

Women Carers Mental Health Support Group moving  
towards mainstream service

Increase in number of people accessing services

Increased trust in Services by families and carers

Carers directly involved in developing services

