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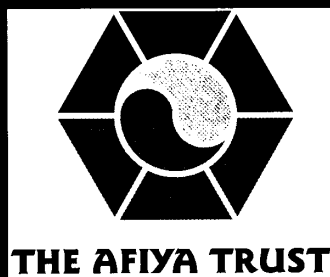
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*Race and Health: an information sources guide*<sup>1</sup> highlighted the fragmented and under-funded provision of race and health information. Obviously, the closure of SHARE will make this situation much worse. The following is a brief update on remaining information providers and key organisations, with a reminder that all these providers have limited resources and staff available to deal with individual enquirers.

### Key national health & race information providers

#### Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations

University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL. Contact: Anne Shaw Librarian. Tel: 01203 523605. Fax: 01203 524324. Email CRER@uk.ac.warwick. Web site [http://www.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/CRER\\_RC](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/CRER_RC)

The Centre is the UK academic national centre of excellence for research and teaching in the field of race and ethnic relations. It produces a wide range of publications, and has a resources centre. Thanks to funding from the Economic & Social Research Council some of its collections are available on line. The Ethnic Health File of the Clinical Sciences Library, University of Leicester is included in the main database. The Resources Centre is also open to bone fide researchers, during office hours in university terms.

#### Commission for Racial Equality

Elliot House, 10/12 Allington Street, London SW1E 5EH. Contact: Philip Pinto, Librarian. Tel: 0171 932 5296. Fax: 0171 630 7605

The CRE is the national body responsible for enforcement of the Race Relations Act 1976 and promotion of harmonious community relations. It covers all aspects of race relations and racial discrimination. It publishes reports and the results of its formal investigations. Its library collection is open to the public by appointment.

#### Department of Health Library and Information Services

Room 146c, Skipton House, 80 London Road, London SE1 6LW. Contact: Harry Barrett. Tel: 0171 972 5930. Fax: 0171 972 5976

The library services subject coverage includes the NHS; health services; social services; public health; medicine; and nursing. Black and minority ethnic issues are covered in all these areas. Its users are Department of Health staff. It is only available to researchers by appointment as a library of last resort. The important bibliographic database, DH-Data, is available on-line through some libraries, for a fee.

#### Health Education Authority: Health Promotion Information Centre

Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9TX. Contact: Enquiries Desk. Tel: 0171 413 1995. Fax: 0171 413 1834. Web site <http://vn6003.hea.org.uk:8080/>

This is the largest health promotion and health education collection in the UK. It incorporates a library, an audio-visual and teaching material centre and an information service. It has a substantial collection within these areas on black and minority ethnic issues. It is open by appointment only to professionals and academics. The HPIC catalogue can be accessed on the internet.

#### King's Fund Library and Information Service

11-13 Cavendish Square, London W1M 0AN. Contact: Enquiry Desk. Tel: 0171 307 256819

This is a resource for all those involved in the development and management of

health and social care services. It includes a substantial collection on health and race in these areas. It is a free reference library. They also offer a quick reference enquiry service; reference lists from the database; a photocopying service; loans to other libraries of King's Fund and WHO-EURO publications and some duplicated material; literature searches of relevant commercial databases. A charge is made for some of these services, and there is restricted access for full-time students.

#### Local Authorities Race Relations Information Exchange (LARRIE)

Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5QU. Tel: 0171 296 6781. Fax: 0171 296 6666

LARRIE is a service that provides up-to-date information regarding current race equality policy and practice in local government. The LARRIE database contains over 10,000 abstracts of committee reports on all aspects of developing and implementing a race equality policy including employment, service delivery and corporate arrangements. A quarterly bulletin containing additions to the database is produced. Enquiry service and bulletin is free to local authorities, other organisations are charged. They also produce reports.

#### National Institute of Epidemiology

University of Surrey, 14 Frederick Sanger Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5YD. Contact: Dr Veena Soni Raleigh. Tel: 01483 450540. Fax 450351

The Institute handles data on the epidemiology of minority ethnic groups. Research has been conducted in areas such as Asian women and suicide, perinatal health, diabetes, renal services and mental health. They also produce the Public Health Common Data Set.

**IMPORTANT AMENDMENT  
TO RACE AND HEALTH SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

**HEALTH EDUCATION AUTHORITY**

Please note that the Health Education Authority has moved to:

Trevelyan House  
30 Great Peter Street  
London  
SW1P 2HW

Tei: 0171 222 5300 (main switchboard)  
0171 413 1995 (Health Promotion Information Centre)  
Fax: 0171 413 8900

E-mail [hpic.enquiry@HEA.org.uk](mailto:hpic.enquiry@HEA.org.uk)

**The Website is not yet available.  
Please do not use the web address given in the SHARE guide.**

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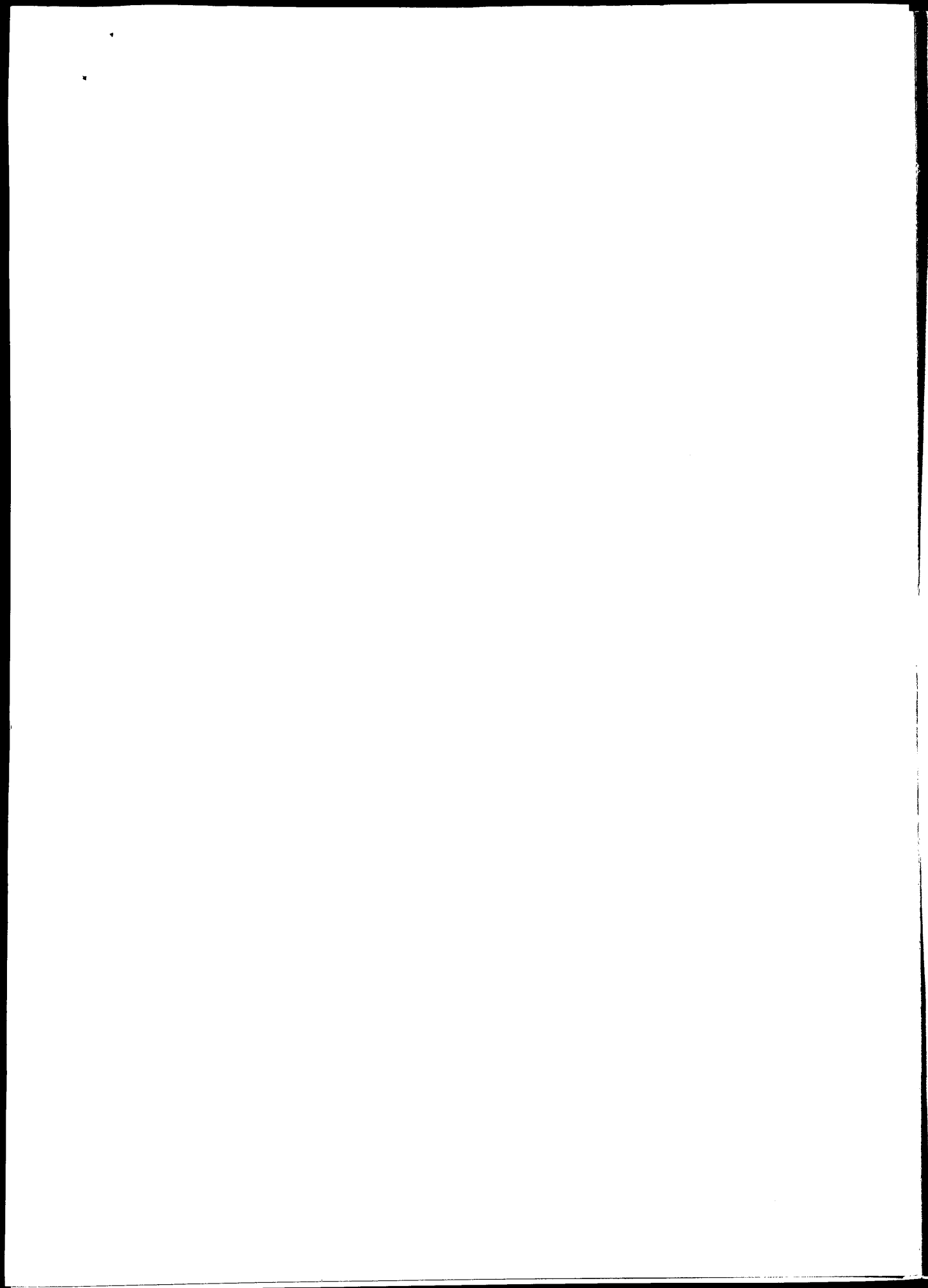
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### National Institute for Social Work, Library and Information Services

**Mary Ward House, 5-7 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SS. Tel: 0171 387 9681. Fax: 0171 387 7968**

NISW aims to raise standards and promote good practice in social work and social care. They carry out research, policy and practice, development and dissemination of information. They have an extensive information service. They also produce the Caredata CD, a social and community care database. NISW is also a good source of information on children's issues.

### The Refugee Council

**Health Access Adviser, 3 Bondway, London SW8 1SJ. Tel: 0171 820 3064. Fax: 0171 582 9929**

The Refugee Council works with refugees, particularly those who have recently arrived in this country. They are primarily London based. They focus on issues of welfare rights, education and housing, and they are also taking an interest in health. Through their refugee advisers support unit they have produced a bulletin on concern over access to health services for refugees, and basic information about the refugee situation for care providers and health practitioners. They are also producing a bulletin on HIV/AIDS. They have a leaflet, Advice on Health, which explains NHS services available for refugees, and they are producing a leaflet on pregnancy. There is also a useful library, classified by population group, and a computerised catalogue. The Health Access Adviser works on raising awareness and policy making with reference to refugee health and access to services.

### Runnymede Trust

**Sukhvinder Stubbs, Director, Runnymede Trust, 133 Aldersgate Street, London E1A 4JA. Tel: 0171 600 9666. Fax: 0171 600 8529**

They provide information on race equality issues in Britain and the EU. They contribute to the elimination of all aspects of racism and discrimination and to the promotion of social justice. They have published a wide range of reports. The Trust has an information office and a small library open to the

public by appointment, and in addition the information officers will take phone and letter enquiries.

### Other organisations

#### Afiya Trust

**King's Fund, 11-13 Cavendish Square, London W1M 0AN. Tel: 0171 307 2613.**

The Afiya Trust aims to lobby for better health care for black and ethnic minority people. It aims to influence the development of national health policy and ensure that relevant health issues are integrated into national and local health care priorities. The Trust at present is fund raising for the development work it intends to carry out. It is particularly interested in supporting the black voluntary sector in lobbying for better health services.

#### Confederation of Indian Organisations (UK) (CIO)

**5 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7XW. Tel: 0171 928 9889. Fax: 0171 928 9889.**

The Confederation of Indian Organisations (UK) is an umbrella body for Asian voluntary organisations. The main aim of the organisation is to raise awareness of the issues that affect the Asian community; this is achieved through research, consultation and representation, campaigns and conferences. In addition CIO assists in setting up new groups; provides resources, information and advice to existing members; and helps to develop and form links between existing members. CIO has produced several publications and provides information on areas such as disability, heart disease, mental health and employment training. Individuals in the community are offered basic advice on problems associated with immigration and nationality, as well as on welfare entitlements. CIO also houses the Greater London Translation Unit, which provides translation and interpreting services in over 30 languages. CIO have also produced a number of publications on mental health and the Asian voluntary sector.

#### Ipamo

**1 Dalbury House, Ferndale Road, London SW9 8AP. Tel: 0171 737 4585. Fax: 0171 738 3496**

This black-led mental health project is being developed by West Lambeth Community Care (NHS) Trust in partnership with local black groups. Ultimately the service will be sensitive to the needs of the black community, recognise the effects of social deprivation, racism and discrimination and will deliver a holistic service, offering a range of therapeutic, arts based and other support interventions, working collaboratively with existing black community groups and the statutory bodies. It will provide a bed crisis care unit; assessment service; family respite unit; an information point; and community services. They ran a partnerships and progress conference in March 1996 for Black mental health workers and organisations. They are compiling directories of independent Black mental health organisations, and black mental health workers. Malcolm Phillips, the director is also a contact for the Association of Black Therapists which publishes the Journal of Black Therapy. They were the main organisers of an International Conference for the National African and Caribbean Mental Health Network in June 1997. The Network has been named Safoa, and represents about 80 black mental health organisations in Britain.

#### Medical Research Council (MRC)

**Medical Sociology Unit, 6 Lilybank Gardens, Glasgow G12 8RZ. Tel: 0141 357 3949. Fax: 0141 337 2389.**

The Medical Research Unit's Medical Sociology Unit undertake a number of research projects in ethnicity, religion and health in Clydeside. These include studies on Irish health; health in the population of South Asian origin in early middle life (Williams and Hunt with Bhopal); dietary change among South Asians and Italians in Glasgow (Bush with Williams, Lean, Anderson and Bradby); a decade of dietary change in Glaswegian South Asian migrant women (Anderson); diet, health beliefs and social support among women of South Asian origin (Bradby); health in young people aged 14-15 of South Asian and other origin in Glasgow. Descriptions of progress are available in the unit's annual reports.

## REU

**Unit 27/28 Angel Gate, City Road,  
London EC1V 2PT. Tel: 0171 278  
2331. Fax: 0171 278 8808**

Established in 1987, the REU (Race Equality Unit) promotes better social care for Britain's black communities. This is carried out through conferences, training, consultancy and project work. They are involved in ethnic monitoring, user involvement, child protection, and social work. They have conducted a study of Black groups who work with or have an interest in children and families to ascertain their views.

## Sia

**Winchester House, 9 Cramner Road,  
Kennington Park, London SW9 6EJ.  
Tel: 0171 735 9010. Fax: 0171 735  
9011**

Its role is to build an infrastructure for the Black voluntary sector and help individuals, groups and communities in a changing environment. It does this by providing information, training, consultancy, supporting development of networks and local development agencies and a framework for policy issues affecting black groups. They publish *Sia News*. Sia has a lot of information on funding for black voluntary groups. They have been conducting a survey of the black voluntary sector and creating a national database.

## University of Bradford

**Ethnicity and Social Policy Research  
Unit, Department of Social and  
Economic Studies, Richmond  
Building, Bradford BD7 1DP. Tel:  
01274 384797**

Waqar Ahmad is head of a substantial research programme on race, health and social care. He was involved in a research project focusing on race and community health development, based in Bradford. Also a study of birth outcome amongst Pakistani and White women in Bradford in 1993. He edited two volumes, *Race and Health in Contemporary Britain* and *The Politics of Race and Health*. He is also involved in a study of the implications of the new community care policy for black elders, focusing on Bradford. They have set up

an eighteen month project on improving health care for Asian deaf children. It will be conducted alongside a national overview of initiatives on ethnicity and deafness. Other work includes a two year study of service support to parents of children with sickle cell disorders or thalassaemia; a review of literature and guidelines for purchasers on mental health, cardiovascular disease and haemoglobinopathies; and, jointly with Nuffield Community Care Studies Unit, University of Leicester, a twenty seven month study of the service needs of Asian carers.

## University of Newcastle upon Tyne

**Dept. of Epidemiology and Public  
Health, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1  
7RU. Tel: 0191 222 6000. Fax: 0191  
222 8211**

Professor Bhopal is an active researcher and writer on a wide range of themes in ethnicity and health. Professor Bhopal and his colleagues are working on diseases and health problems, as well as utilisation of and satisfaction with health services. Their work includes coronary heart disease and diabetes in Chinese and South Asian populations in Newcastle.

## 1990 Trust

**South Bank Techno Park, 90 London  
Road, London SE1 6LN. Tel: 0171  
717 1579**

The Trust arose out of successive conferences held by the National Black Caucus which identified the need for an organisation to provide research, administrative and technical support to Black organisations and networks. They have set up a Black Information Link, BLINK, which is an electronic information system, available on Internet. They have undertaken work on the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Bill; and on the Single European Market. They have set up Black Community Awards to promote Black community development in areas including health. They have also established a Black elders project, and produced two briefing papers on the black elders. They have produced a National Black Elders Charter, and a national directory of Black Elders organisation and projects.

## Journals on health & race

### Ethnic Minorities Health: a current awareness bulletin

**Christine Sugden, Editor, 4 Magnus  
Court, Kings Reach, Ramsey, Isle of  
Man IM8 3NT. Tel/Fax: 01624  
817507**

Editor of the *Ethnic Minorities Health: A current awareness bulletin*, with Ian King. Indexes information relating to all aspects of health care of ethnic groups: mental, physical and social. Main emphasis is on British practice. Can carry out searches of their database for a set fee.

Mr. Ian King, Senior Librarian, Bradford Health Libraries and Information Services, Medical Library, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Duckworth Lane, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD9 6RJ. Tel: 01274 364130 Fax: 01724 364704

Ian King is responsible for publication and subscriptions (currently £40).

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1232. Fax: 0181 566 5581**

Professor Balarajan is also director of The Institute for Public Health, at the University of Surrey. NIESH aims to advance knowledge about health and social policy as they relate to ethnicity. He is editor of the journal *Ethnicity and Health* at the above address. It is an international academic journal.

Subscriptions: Carfax Publishing Company, PO Box 25, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 3UE

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