



# Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Patients and Healthcare Current Awareness Bulletin August 2022

## **News**

[Facing the uncomfortable possibility that healthcare is discriminatory](#)

**The Guardian, August 2022**

As the first Covid wave hit, it quickly became clear that people from black and ethnic minority backgrounds were dying in disproportionate numbers.

[First-of-its-kind traveller community role introduced at NHS Lincolnshire](#)

**LPFT, June 2022**

The Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT) has created a new first-of-its-kind specialist Traveller community wellbeing link worker role. The new job has been developed and implemented to give the traveller community better access to health and community services.

## **Guidelines, Policies and Reports**

**Early Intervention Foundation**

[Improving the way family support services work for minority ethnic families](#)

This report explores the experiences of minority ethnic families in accessing and receiving family support, to better understand the challenges and opportunities in how family support services work for minority ethnic families and young people.

**Office for Health Improvement & Disparities**

[Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller groups: An introduction to history and culture, health and disparities](#)

This resource has been produced by the OHID Inclusion Health Team and aims to raise awareness about Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community histories and culture, the health disparities that these groups currently face, and underlying contributing factors. It is envisaged that this resource will be useful to teams as they fulfil the Public Equality Duty to consider Gypsy, Roma and Traveller ethnic groups in the development of policy, strategy and services.

## **Published research**

[Racial discrimination and adverse pregnancy outcomes: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

*BMJ Global Health, August 2022*

This systematic review and meta-analysis assesses all available evidence on the association between self-reported racial discrimination and adverse pregnancy outcomes.



## **Blogs / Commentary / Editorials / Opinion Pieces**

### **BBC**

#### [Why I want to talk about STIs in the black community](#)

Cherry Wilson discusses why rates of STIs are highest among people from the black community.

### **Evidence-based nursing**

#### [Cultural competency among healthcare providers is vital to ensure equitable and optimal maternity care for im/migrant and visible minority women](#)

**Commentary on:** Shorey S, Debby E, Downe S. Cultural competence and experiences of maternity health care providers on care for migrant women: A qualitative meta-synthesis. *Birth* 2021

- Ensuring optimal maternity care for im/migrant and visible minority women requires proper training for care providers.
- More research is needed towards implementation of relevant integrated policies, resources, and training towards culturally relevant care models.

#### [Quality of care in the delivery hospital contributes to racial disparities in outcomes for low-risk newborns](#)

**Commentary on:** Glazer KB, *et al.* Hospital quality of care and racial and ethnic disparities in unexpected newborn complications. *Pediatrics* 2021

- Black and Hispanic infants suffer unexpected neonatal complications more than Asian and white children, in part because of the quality of care in the hospital of delivery.
- Improving quality of care at the delivering hospital for women and infants can improve outcomes and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in otherwise healthy term infants.

### **Journal of Wound Care**

#### **The challenges of dark skin tone assessment: the importance of language** [\[article request\]](#)

At Wounds UK we are invested in raising the profile of the challenges of assessing the skin of patients with dark skin tones.

### **NHS Race and Health Observatory**

#### [Build Back Fairer: Social determinants, ethnicity and health](#)

The Covid-19 pandemic exposed underlying inequalities in society and amplified them. Three striking features of the pandemic in Britain illustrate. First, is the social gradient in mortality from Covid – the greater the deprivation of area of residence, the higher the mortality rate. Second, the high Covid mortality in men and women classified as Black African, Black Caribbean, Bangladeshi, Pakistani and, to a slightly lesser extent, Indian. Third, the decline in life expectancy in the UK in 2020, put us among the countries most affected by the pandemic.

## **Podcasts**

### **The King's Fund**

#### [Supporting refugee and migrant health care in England](#)

How does the health and care system respond when an asylum seeker, refugee or migrant arrives in England? Join host Siva Anandaciva and guests Dr Inês Campos Matos, Farisai Dzemwa and Kama Petruczenko as they discuss refugee and migrant health care.



### **Library Services**

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Can't find the information you need? We can do literature searches for you:  
<https://www.nhslincslibrary.uk/search-request/>

We can provide training on how to search healthcare databases and resources as well as showing you how to appraise the information that you find: <https://www.nhslincslibrary.uk/training/>

### **Online Resources**

**BMJ Best Practice** is a clinical decision support tool that provides step-by-step guidance on diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and prevention of a wide variety of conditions:  
<https://bestpractice.bmj.com/oafed>

**ClinicalKey** is a database which supports healthcare professionals by providing access to the latest evidence across specialties: <https://www.clinicalkey.com/>