



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

News

[Sussex midwives pioneer app to overcome language barriers](#)

Digital Health, June 2022

Midwives at University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust are supporting non-English speaking expecting parents by using a web-based communications app in their specialised antenatal classes.

["I was repeatedly ignored" - report finds maternity racism](#)

BBC News, May 2022

Black and Asian women are being harmed by racial discrimination in maternity care, according to a year-long investigation conducted by the charity Birthrights.

For the executive summary or the full report see [Systemic Racism, not Broken Bodies](#).

Guidelines, Policies and Reports

Birthrights

[Inquiry into racial injustice in maternity care](#)

Birthrights' year-long inquiry into racial injustice has heard testimony from women, birthing people, healthcare professionals and lawyers outlining how systemic racism within maternity care – from individual interactions and workforce culture through to curriculums and policies – can have a deep and devastating impact on basic rights in childbirth. This jeopardises Black and Brown women and birthing people's safety, dignity, choice, autonomy, and equality.

The Centre for Ageing Better

[Ethnic Inequality in Ageing](#)

This set of downloadable 'evidence cards' highlights the contributions of and shocking inequalities experienced by Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups approaching retirement age.



Centre for Mental Health

[Tackling mental health disparities](#)

Mental health inequalities mean that while it is true that anyone can experience mental ill health, the risks are much higher for certain groups who experience structural discrimination and disadvantage.

Civitas: Institute for the Study of Civil Society

[A Response to the Race and Health Observatory \(RHO\) rapid evidence review into ethnic inequalities in healthcare](#)

This report looks at the NHS Race and Health Observatory (RHO) as a case study and its work to 'identify and tackle ethnic inequalities' in health. Central to its recent report was the role of racism – those who are not white are treated worse, given the wrong treatment, and avoid getting help for 'fear of racist treatment from NHS healthcare professionals'. This report analyses the rapid evidence review and questions the assumptions and conclusions contained in this work.

Institute for Healthcare Improvement

[Black Maternal Health: Reducing Inequities Through Community Collaboration](#)

Seeking to improve outcomes for all people who birth in the United States and their babies and to reduce the stark inequities in maternal health, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) engaged in a three-year (April 2018 to October 2021), large-scale project called Better Maternal Outcomes.

Nuffield Trust

[The over-representation of Black people as restricted patients in secure hospitals](#)

People with severe mental health problems who are in contact with the criminal justice system can be held as restricted patients in hospitals if they have been assessed as needing treatment. Miranda Davies takes a closer look at new data that shows that 16% of restricted patients in hospital are Black or Black British, despite only making up 3% of the general population.

UK Parliament

[Mental Health Act Reform - Race and Ethnic Inequalities](#)

The Government plans to bring forward legislation to reform the Mental Health Act 1983. Proposals include approaches to reduce the disproportionate number of individuals from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities subject to compulsory detention and treatment. This POSTnote outlines research on race and ethnic inequalities in relation to the Act, summarises proposals for reform and stakeholder views.



Clinical toolkit

Adapt (South Asian Dementia Pathway)

[An online toolkit of enhanced interventions](#)

Roughly 25,000 people from ethnic minority communities live with dementia in the UK. The largest single grouping are people whose origins are South Asian countries. People from these communities are at greater risk of developing dementia. However, they are less likely to access support at all points of the dementia care pathway, so are more likely to seek help in a crisis or at a later stage in the condition.

BMA

[Refugee and asylum seeker patient health toolkit](#)

This guidance will provide you with the key legal, ethical and practical considerations you need to take into account when treating a patient who is a refugee or asylum seeker, and signposts to other sources of support and information.

Research Briefings

Mental Elf

[Suicide rates in ethnic minorities and indigenous people](#)

Lucy Barrass examines a systematic review which finds high variation in risk and rate of suicide in indigenous and ethnic minority populations

Published research

[Inequalities in cancer screening, prevention and service engagement between UK ethnic minority groups](#)

British Journal of Nursing, 2022; 31(10); S14-S24

More people in the UK are living with cancer than ever before. With an increasingly ethnically diverse population, greater emphasis must be placed on understanding factors influencing cancer outcomes. This review seeks to explore UK-specific variations in engagement with cancer services in minority ethnic groups and describe successful interventions. The authors wish to highlight that, despite improvement to engagement and education strategies, inequalities still persist.

Blogs

NHS Confederation

[Shifting the dial on mental health support for young black men](#)

A programme addressing mental health needs in young black men highlights key learning for system leaders and commissioners of mental health services.



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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/>