

BME HEALTH FORUM: PROJECT UPDATE!

The BME (Black and Minority Ethnic communities) Health Forum has embarked on a project to identify BME organisations and groups in KCW (Kensington, Chelsea and Westminster) and to find out more about the barriers BME communities are facing in accessing health services.

Furthermore, the project aims to investigate the causes of non-participation in consultation and to canvass the views of the groups and organisations that have been taking part in consultation about the value of such participation.

In July 2005, the Forum trained 20 volunteers from different communities to conduct interviews with community groups and organisations.

The project has been progressing very well with over 135 interviews conducted already. Over a quarter of the groups interviewed receive no funding from the statutory sector and do

not normally participate in consultation.

Our volunteers have been able to obtain high quality information and we are looking forward to analysing the data for our report that will be launched in spring 2006. We would ask all groups and organisations who are being contacted by our volunteers to please participate in our project in order to ensure we have the fullest results possible.

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