



Dear colleague

**Invitation to Learning and Information-sharing event in Leeds on  
Monday 11th December 2017 1.15pm – 4.30pm**

**Access and Experience of Mental Health Crisis Care Services in Leeds by  
Black and Minority Ethnic Communities**

**The Bridge Community Church, Rider St, Leeds LS9 7BQ. [Link to map of venue](#)**

We are writing to invite you to join us at a learning and information-sharing event on Monday 11th December. The purpose is to improve the experience of the Leeds crisis care pathways for black and minority ethnic communities. This work is part of co-ordinated citywide work commissioned by the Leeds Mental Health Partnership Board in response to the recently published Mental Health Needs Assessment, 'Leeds in Mind 2017'. Further details of this work will be shared at the event.

**Please reply to John Halsall at [johnh@touchstonesupport.org.uk](mailto:johnh@touchstonesupport.org.uk) to reserve your place at this event, telephone 0113 248 4880.**

As part of the Leeds Crisis Care Concordat Action Plan for 2016/17, we have compiled some evidence about the experiences and patterns of use of the Leeds mental health crisis care pathways by people from black and minority ethnic communities. To do this we reviewed data recorded by:

- Statutory crisis services; and data and reports by
- Dial House @ Touchstone; and by
- Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (PAFRAS).

At the event details of the study will be presented, and learning from Dial House @Touchstone will be shared by the service manager, Carol Gatewood. There will be the opportunity for you to share and record current work and best practice in this area. We would also like you to contribute to identifying actions to implement or test in the next year or two to improve access to or experience of mental health services for people from black or minority ethnic communities.

Do share this invitation with colleagues who might be interested to join the event too.

Yours sincerely,

John Halsall & Caroline Bamford  
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