



*Spirituality & Faith*

*Community Engagement Project*

# *Background Information*

- Majority faith based community
- BME Communities have closer attachment to cultural and spiritual traditions
- Through experience of CD work people want to access faith based approaches
- Neglected area of work
- Aims/Objectives
- Methodology applied was reflective of our CD approach which is inclusive of diversity and participation

## *Findings/Themes*

- Politics & Personal Identity
- Faith & Lifestyle
- Identity & Paranoia
- Individual Racism
- Community Denial

# *Recommendations*


- Gender Specific safe spaces and community based Alims/Alimas (male and female) within the community but to work alongside services.
- Choice: Current services not providing choice. Choice to Muslims includes:  
Hakims, Alims, Faith based resources.
- Cultural Competency and Good Practice in Services.

# *Where the Report has lead? CD Response*

1. Gender Specific
  - Emerging creations of new faith specific women's and men's groups
  - Made contact with Alimas/Sheikhs who have visited people on wards and available to facilitate groups
2. Listening Imam Project/Priests
  - Partnership with community organisations
  - Imam providing pastoral support twice a week
  - Links with other places of worship; Church, Temples

# *Where the report has lead: Services Response - FIS*

1. Value Added Grant;
  - Course on Spirituality in Mental Health
2. In Reach Project;
  - Dimension of faith and culture through involvement of CDW's, recording in case notes and establishing external social networks upon being discharged
3. Learning & Sharing Events
4. Tapes of Audio materials

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5. Referrals from services to the Imam,  
Alima (AOT, Wards)
  6. Employment of Muslim Chaplin –
  7. Jinn Project
  8. BDCT Spirituality Committee
    - spirituality policy/guidance review
    - spirituality course.

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