



Race Equality in Mental Health



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Here at Eastern Development Centre we know the importance of effective commissioning to combat health and social care inequalities. That is why we have worked in partnership with Eastern Region Public Health Observatory and East of England Strategic Health Authority.

Eastern’s initiative ‘Mental Health Profiles’ offers an overview of the mental health of the adult population in an area. Taken together with other local data, this profile enables NHS organisations, including Primary Care Trusts and Local Government to commission plans for mental services that better reflect the needs of the community.

‘Mental Health Profiles’ create opportunities for equality and fairer access; increase choice and independence; forecast the longer term health care inequalities; act as a catalyst for improvement in health and well being and offer commissioners an effective tool to gauge and measure service change and performance management.



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Through our regional commissioning strategy for the East of England ‘Towards the Best Together’ a key theme is the creation of a more targeted service for our local population which includes the Black, Minority and Ethnic (BME) community.

Eastern Development Centre’s ‘Mental Health Profiles’ initiative is the ideal compliment to our commissioning strategy as it seeks to reduce inequalities among the BME population. A partnership approach made it happen.

Jess Lievesley Commissioner Public Health, NHS East of England

