

Recommendations based on research findings.

- It is imperative that a 'Community Drugs Service' is formed within the Hyde Bangladeshi community. This 'Community Drugs Service' has to recruit members of the BME community especially those of Bangladeshi background. It is highly recommended that these recruits should be from amongst the existing researchers of the 'community engagement' project, who have had the opportunity to build a rapport within this community.
- This 'Community Drugs Service' should agree with the existing drug services. The existing services should utilise this 'Community Drugs Service' as an access gate to the Hyde Bangladeshi Community. Collectively a strategy needs to be formulated to make the community aware of issues surrounding drugs misuse. The general public and drug users need to be aware of the local drug services, the 'Community Drugs Service' needs to build the confidence of the community to access local drug services; these services in return would need to assign key personal representing the services to the community.
- Awareness sessions must be delivered by the 'Community Drugs Service', with existing drug services contributing towards the deliver of these sessions. Those working within the 'Community Drugs Service' would serve as bilingual workers. This would create an access route for drug services to the community.
- The 'Community Drugs Service' will create relationships with varied agencies through networking. These agencies will include housing support, employment agencies, training, counselling, etc. The objective would be to provide *clients* who access the service with a direct link to these agencies. An opportunity to breakdown the existing stereotype views.

Outcomes

- Volunteers from the 'Community Engagement project' have gone on further training on the 'Bridging the Gap' project to train to become Drugs Workers.
- A satellite service is under a pilot scheme based at the Hyde Bangladeshi Welfare Association premises; this service will have three paid workers and 4 volunteers. 3 of these volunteers are from the 'community engagement project'. It is referred to as a drop in centre with entertainment and food. The services that are provided acupuncture, black box, one to one discussions, referrals. This service will provisionally run for 3 months then a further extension to 6 months. This additional post is commissioned by the commissioning body which consists of the DAAT/Community safety Unit/Treatment Task Team and the PCT (Primary Care Trust)
- Drugs awareness program has been devised by the volunteers and is underway to be carried out with the Youth in the community, initially targeting the youth whom attend 'Jubo Shongo' (a youth club based in the HBWA)
- Funding from 'Community Chest' is being accessed to train ten young people to become qualified counsellors. This is for a period of three years; the final outcome would be that these counsellors would be qualified to run their own service as practitioners. From a community perspective the objective is for them to put something back into the community.