



Community Engagement

The Horizon Group



How it started

- Concerns raised by Muslim patients/ families at the hospital around End of Life care
- Evidence shows that nationally palliative and end of life care provision for BAME groups is often inadequate.
- In Calderdale there is a significant and rapid ageing south Asian population.
 - 'In 2010, 1554 of south Asian descent lived in Calderdale this is set to increase by 57% in the next 10 years, which means we will have 2540, the forecast rate means we will have a 'balloon' effect on growth'
- A scoping study was undertaken to identify the needs of the South Asian community

What happened?

- A survey questionnaire was designed as a base of discussions and consistency.
- We engaged with South Asian community groups and community health care professionals.
- The Muslim Chaplain from CHFT was able to interact and translate to the groups.
- End of life professionals were contacted to gain their views about potential barriers and perceptions of end of life care for this specific client group.

Aims

- To liaise with the South Asian Communities to identify health and social needs around end of life care
- To raise awareness amongst South Asian communities for the services offered by the Hospice and CHFT
- Improve awareness for service providers of the barriers to end of life care
- Increase the awareness of palliative care services in the south Asian community and health care professionals.
- Overcoming barriers and cultural beliefs for both south Asian community and health care professionals.

Who is involved?

- Training Lead for End of life care at CHFT
- End of life Care facilitator for CHFT
- Clinical Educator in End of life care at Overgate Hospice
- The Muslim Chaplain at CHFT
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- The Cohesion & Equality Officer with Calderdale Council
- The Calderdale council of Mosques

'It was key that partners worked collaboratively'



The horizon group was formed with a view to engaging and improving a better understanding of end of life care for both South Asian community and Health Care professionals.

What's been achieved

- Seminars were held at the central mosque
- Launch of the 'Faith card'
- There was the realization that there is nothing available for the south Asian communities about end of life care apart from the written word. Now we have an audio tape available.
- Education
- End of life Companions
- Hospice changes
- Improved the relationship between ourselves and the south Asian community
- Engagement
- Newsletter
- Out of hours community registrar

What's happening and what's next

- We have now engaged with the Sikh community in Kirklees and held a similar event
- Organ donation
- Engaged with homeless/alcohol/drug abuse
- Cultural support worker
- Further events planned at the Mosque

Thank you

