Biography

BME Community of Practice Group Members

Name	Leslie McDonald
Organisation	Nottingham Counselling Service (NCS) https://www.nottinghamcounsellingcentre.org.uk/
Role: Please add a few lines explaining your role	**Executive Director & Company Secretary** – overall responsibility for the operational management and Governance of the Charity. This includes: • Day to day management of a variety counselling services • Management of Budgets, finance and fundraisings • Developing and implementing the NCS Business Strategy • Implementing and maintaining Quality Assurance Systems
Links to other relevant groups, eg. Representative on Children and Young People Partnership Board ect..	**New Art Exchange (NAE), Chairman**. The organisation is a Contemporary Arts Centre based in Hyson Green, for Black and Minority Ethnic culture and education. It is nationally funded by Arts Council England, to promote arts and culture from diverse communities. **http://www.nae.org.uk/** **Nottingham City Council Health & Wellbeing Board (HWBB) – Board Member**. The Health and Wellbeing Board is a partnership bringing together key local leaders from the City Council, NHS and the wider community to improve the health and wellbeing of the population of Nottingham and reduce health inequalities. **http://www.healthynottingham.co.uk/** **BME Community of Practice Group (CoP), Member.** This group aim to work on improving the health and wellbeing of Nottingham's BME populations, by driving the delivery of the recommendations from the BME Health Needs Assessment – see link below to access the report: **https://www.nottinghaminsight.org.uk/themes/health-and-wellbeing/health-needs-assessments/** **Nottingham Mental Health and Wellbeing Steering Group, Member.** This group comprise of individuals that have been nominated as Healthy and wellbeing Champions from HWBB partner organisations. The group oversee, implementation of Wellness in Mind, mental health Priorities in Happier Healthier Lives and other related developments on behalf of the HWBB.

	NHS Nottingham City, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Crisis Concordat Working Group, Member. This group is made up of services and Agencies in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire involved in the care and support of people in crisis. **https://www.crisiscareconcordat.org.uk/areas/nottingham/** **Nottingham Council for Voluntary Services, Vulnerable Adult Providers Network (VAPN), Member.** Facilitated by Nottingham CVS, the Vulnerable Adults' Providers Network (VAPN) is a city-based forum for community and voluntary organisations that provide services or support to vulnerable adults in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire. **http://www.nottinghamcvs.co.uk/vapn.html** **East Midlands Academic Health Science Network (EMAHSN), Member of the Peoples Panel.** The organisation is one of 15 Academic Health Science Networks (AHSNs) across England, established by NHS England in 2013 to spread innovation at pace and scale - improving health and generating economic growth. The People's panel provides external lay member challenge to EMAHSN's Equality Analysis Programme. **http://emahsn.org.uk/about-us/** **Voluntary Sector Domestic Violence Forum (VSDVF), Group member.** Facilitated by Equation, the group is attended by delegates from Voluntary Sector Organisations with a Domestic Violence Specialism, Representatives from Local Area Groups and the City Domestic Violence Strategy Officer; all of whom will be working within the City of Nottingham. **Nottinghamshire, Survivors Support Group Meeting, Group Member**. This group is made up of services and Agencies in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire involved in the care and support of historical sexual abuse. The group provides a forum for survivors and their representatives to meet with key members of the Local Safe Guarding Boards including Nottingham City Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, health care providers and police. **Nottinghamshire Domestic and Sexual Abuse Third Sector Forum (NDS AF), Group member.** The group is attended by delegates from Voluntary Sector Organisations in Nottinghamshire all of whom are working within Nottingham City and providing care and support to vulnerable children and adults.
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