

Bridging the Gap: Delivering Health Equity for BAME Communities

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Day 1: Thursday 25 March 2021

09:45 **Virtual Event Lobby Open**

10:00 **Keynote presentation**

Nick Goodwin - Chief Executive, The Office of the Public Guardian

10:10 **Bridging the Gap: Delivering Health Equity for BAME Community**

Over the last two decades, the UK has become more ethnically diverse. Black, Asian and other minority ethnic groups (BAME) now make up a larger proportion of the population.

With these changes in the population, it is becoming clear that certain health conditions have an increased prevalence in BAME communities. The COVID-19 pandemic has cast into stark relief the unacceptable health inequalities being experienced, with death rates the highest among people of Black and Asian ethnic groups. Evidence also suggests that there are a number of barriers to accessing local health and mental health care services.

Now is the time to start bridging the gap and delivering health equity for BAME communities.

Richard Vize - Director, Public Policy Media

Tricia Pereira - Head of Operations and Adult Safeguarding, London Borough of Merton Co-Chair, BAME Communities Advisory Group, Department of Health & Social Care

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10:50 **Q&A**

11:00 **Webinar Close**