


racialharassment**forum***

brighton & hove



Presentation by Sharon Otoo
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Racial Harassment Forum



About the Forum

- Multi-Agency Partnership
 - Representatives of BME Communities
 - Statutory Agencies
 - Voluntary Organisations
- Regular Meetings
 - Bimonthly, with AGM in October
 - Venue: Brighton Town Hall
- Funded thorough SRB6, supported by City Council



Context of Work

- Community Safety & Crime Reduction Strategy 2002-5
 - Part 8: To confront racial harassment and violence and increase trust and confidence
- Race Relations Amendment Act (2000)
 - Recommendation 15: Use of multi-agency panels



Why do we need a Racial Harassment Forum in Brighton & Hove?

- What is Racial Harassment?
- What's happening in Brighton?
- How are policies and strategies developed?
- What are the links with other equalities strategies?
- How can we engage BME communities?



The Role of the Forum

- Scrutiny and Consultation
- Developing Best Practice in Supporting Victims and Dealing with Perpetrators
- Raising Awareness & Challenging Racism
- Widening Opportunities to Report Racism



Key Subgroups

- Hate Crime Senior Officer Strategy Group
- Scrutiny Panel
- Working Group
- Casework Forum



Posts Accountable to Forum

- Racial Harassment Caseworker
- Racial Harassment Caseworker (eb4U & Tarner)
- Racial Harassment Advocate
- Race Liaison Officer, Sussex Police
- Policy Co-ordinator, Racial Harassment Forum




Key Roles

- Chair:
Abdul Khaliq
 - Chairs the meetings
 - Represents the Forum at external meetings and functions
 - Ensures community representation & independence
 - Calls agencies to account
- Policy Co-ordinator:
Sharon Otoo
 - Co-ordinates meetings of the Forum and related groups
 - Represents Chair
 - Point of Contact for the Forum

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