

ME²PN MINORITY ETHNIC ELDER'S' POLICY NETWORK SOUTH REGION CONFERENCE PROGRAMME *POLICY and PRACTICE in AGEING*

DATE: Wednesday 7th February 2007
VENUE: CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER

PROGRAMME MORNING

- 9.30-10.15** Registration and Refreshments
- 10.15-10.45** Welcome and the *Necessity for BME Elders' Voice in Shaping and Implementing Policy in Ageing* by PRIAE's Patron, Dr Chai Patel CBE FRCP, also launching PRIAE's Film narrated by Jon Snow, Ch4 News Journalist
- 10.45-11.00** Keynote speech: *the Changing Face of Health Services*, Professor Antony Sheehan, Director General for Health and Care Partnerships, Department of Health
- 11.00-11.15** Discussion led by Ronke Phillips, ITN News Journalist
- 11.15 – 11.30** *Policy matters?* Experience and lessons from the Elders' Panel: Mr M A Khan Lodhi
Dr Efua Taylor
Patricia Harris
- 11.30-11.55** *Making it happen: Policy Influence to Policy Change* by Lord Navnit Dholakia OBE DL, PRIAE Vice Chair
- 11.55-12.10** Food for thought: Discussion led by Ronke Phillips
- 12.10-13.15** LUNCH

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME PLEASE TURN OVER...

PROGRAMME AFTERNOON

13.20-14.20 Workshops – will focus on policy and practice in

A) Active Ageing with Mental Health

Chair: Liam Hughes, PRIAE Trustee

Speakers:

- **Angela Richardson, Programme Lead, Older People, CSIP**
- **Vikrant Bhatia, Project Manager, PRIAE**

B) Fighting Poverty – Pensions Reform and Take Up

Chair: Mr M A Khan Lodhi, Chair S. Region Advisory Group, ME²PN

Speakers:

- **Anna Pearson, Senior Policy Officer, Help the Aged**
- **Chris Burston, Department for Work and Pensions**

C) Funding of BME organisations

Chair: Sui Cheung, Centre Manager, Huddersfield Chinese Community Centre

Speaker: TBC

D) Housing options for BME elders in London

Chair: Mrs Shu Pao Lim MBE, Dep. Chair S. Region Advisory Group, ME²PN PRIAE

Speaker: Kalyani Gandhi, New Business Manager Hanover Housing and Member of HOPDEV; Diana Roberts, Business Director, NHFA

E) Journey through End of Life – Palliative Care

Chair: Denise Joseph, Operations Director, PRIAE

Speaker: Dr Yasmin Gunaratnam, Project Manager for PALCOPE Project at PRIAE and Senior Researcher, Ageing & Ethnicity@UCLAN

**14.20 –14.40 Vision and Plans for ME²PN, PRIAE team
Naina Patel with Project Managers Sunjeeda Hanif & Ian Smith & Project Asst. Vivian Taku**

14.40-15.45 Developing ME²PN with the members – an open discussion with actions agreed with workshop points

15.45-16.00 Lessons and challenges in policy in practice: concluding remarks, Liam Hughes PRIAE Trustee and Naina Patel, Director of PRIAE & Professor in Ageing at UCLAN