

Southampton, Hampshire Isle of Wight & Portsmouth

Freedom of Information request response – FOI-3807 – H-86 Response to M. Brindley

Ethnic monitoring of Gypsies and Travellers by Hampshire PCT

Request

Under FOI legislation, could you please provide me with all ethnic monitoring data you have on Gypsies and Travellers' health and well-being, service use and staff in your PCT?

Could you also provide information detailing whether Gypsies and Travellers are monitored as standard policy in the PCT?

Response

The majority of the information you are seeking will be held by Hampshire County Council and should you wish to do so, you can contact the Authority via http://www3.hants.gov.uk/service722.

Hampshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) is able to provide the following information:

- The PCT intends to publish a report into the 'Everyone Counts' patient survey at the
 beginning of April, 2012 which will includes data relating to Gypsies and Travellers. Since
 this document is for future publication, we are unable to provide it at this time; however, to
 assist you, extracts relevant to your enquiry regarding gypsies and travellers in Hampshire
 are attached to the response e-mail.
 - In addition, you may find the following information useful.
- Please find attached to the response e-mail an equalities monitoring form produced on the basis of Equality and Human Rights Commission guidance and the Hampshire voluntary sector 'Equality and Diversity Toolkit.' This form asks whether a person is from the Gypsy or Irish Traveller community and can be used by Hampshire PCT staff undertaking engagement activity and consultations.
- The equalities monitoring form is also currently attached to all FOI responses sent by Hampshire PCT.
- Hampshire PCT provides partial funding for a number of Black and Minority Ethnic Community Development Workers in partnership with Hampshire County Council. These staff work with the Gypsy and Traveller community.
- The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for 2008 includes a section on Gypsies and Travellers and can be found by following the link to the relevant page on the <u>Hampshire</u> PCT website.
- Please find attached to the response e-mail the 'Comprehensive Sexual Health Needs Assessment - NHS Hampshire - November 2009', within which you will find information concerning the Gypsy and Traveller community. The Trust also holds historic documentation produced by predecessor organisations.

- Hampshire PCT does not record gypsies / travellers as an ethnic origin on the Electronic Staff Record (ESR) and therefore does not hold this detail on its staff.
- As a commissioner of health services, Hampshire PCT would expect its providers to adhere to requirements regarding all minority ethnic groups.
- Hampshire PCT does not commission the 'monitoring' or the gypsy/traveller population in Hampshire in any community contracts, however, you may wish to contact our Community providers as they may hold the information you seek: