Mobilising knowledge about ethnic inequalities to improve access, experience and outcomes for Black and Minority Ethnic users of NHS services

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My research fellowship builds on the Evidence and Ethnicity in Commissioning (EEiC) research project (2011 - 2013). This research focused on understanding current practices, obstacles and opportunities related to commissioning health services that better meet the needs of minority ethnic populations and thereby reduce inequalities.

During my fellowship I shall be testing some knowledge mobilisation tools which aim to support NHS commissioning staff, third sector staff and equality & diversity staff to make sure that different forms of knowledge (including information about service user experience and community need, varied stakeholders' tacit knowledge, service usage data and research evidence) about ethnicity and health are moved into action.

The tools are all available on the EEiC website www.eeic.org.uk. All our tools aim to help different stakeholders make a difference on the ground and to influence service improvement which will contribute to a reduction in health inequalities, particularly those linked to ethnicity.

At the evidence to impact in public health conference, I would like to run an interactive workshop using one or more of our tools. Participants in the workshop will have the chance to try out one of our tools and to hear about emerging findings from my research on using the tools in NHS and third sector organisations.