**Equity and Equality Conference**

Making Improvements and Celebrating Successes *(within Maternity and Neonatal Services)*

East of England LGA

West Suffolk House, Western Way

Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 3YU

20 July 2022, 09:00 – 16:00

The conference will provide an interactive and engaging opportunity to discuss the challenges and improvements made in addressing inequalities within healthcare especially maternity, neonatal and allied health for Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority women and pregnant people in East of England and surrounding regions.

This conference is an opportunity to shift from virtually sharing of knowledge to face to face interactive sharing, learning, and promoting effective tools to continue making improvements and celebrating each step towards making every women/birthing person to enjoy their pregnancy experience and have better outcomes.

The overall aim is to identify both barriers and sustainable solutions to ensure we have services and systems that equitable, inclusive, and diverse for all regardless of your protected characteristics.

AGENDA

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| Time  |  Session |
| 09:00 |  **Arrival & Registration** |
| 09:30  | **Welcome and Introductions – Chair** **Jasmine Leonce** Consultant Obstetrician East & North Hertfordshire & National Maternity Improvement Advisor NHS England & NHS Improvement  |
| 09:40 | **Keynote Discussion** *Facilitated* by *Chair***Speaker Panel*** ***Rachel Walton*** – Co-Founder African Families in the UK, Author: Community Ambassadors - Growing Community Leaders & The Best Vendor Women Founder Winner 2022
* ***Dr Clea Harmer* –** Chief Executive – Sands
* ***Crina Morteanu –*** Manager Luton Roma Trust
* ***Barbara Narey*** – Regional Officer – East of England & ***Julia Drummond*** - Royal College of Midwives
* **Dr Jo-Anne Johnson** – Medical School - Anglia Ruskin University
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| 10:15 | **Launch of Cultural Awareness Films*****Teri Gavin-Jones**** Maternity Clinical Lead SNEE LMNS - Suffolk and North-East Essex Maternity and Neonatal Services
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| 10:30 | **Bliss Baby Charity: The Baby Charter*****Holly Sullivan and*** ***Annelies Hopkins**** Baby Charter Programme Lead – Bliss: National Charity for the Newborn
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| 10:55 | **CardMedic – Reducing Health Inequalities through a digital ‘One Stop Communication Shop’*****Mirella Lingwood and Jim Gabriel**** Head of Projects & HR and Chief Commercial Officer
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| 11:20 | Refreshments  |
| 11:40 | **Community Ambassadors*** Rachel Walton - Ethnic Minorities Community Development Consultant/Co-Foundering Director African Families in the UK(AFiUK)CIC
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| 12:05 | **Reproductive Health in Lesbians and Bisexual Women including Trans People*** Professor Catherine Meads – Anglia Ruskin University
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| 12:30 | **Parents1st - How Peer Support can ‘Bridge the Gap’ During Pregnancy, Birth and Beyond*** Celia Suppiah - Chief Executive Officer
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| 12:55 | **Caring for Pregnant Women Seeking Sanctuary*** Katherine Letley - National Maternity Stream of Sanctuary
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| 12:20  | **Questions, Answers and Pause for Reflection*** Session facilitated by chair
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| 13:30 | Lunch and Networking |

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| **Workshops**  |
|  | **EAST Room** | **WEST Room** | **GFR 12** | **GFR 13** |
| 14:15 -15:00 | **Gypsy Traveller - Health Related Cultural Awareness Workshop** Shaynie Larwood and Terri – Lee Hawkins Gypsy Traveller Health Team - Public Health Cambridgeshire County Council | **International Recruitment**Tara Fajeyisan- International Recruitment Manager NHS England & NHS Improvement and Roslyn Mattukoyya, Senior Lecturer in Adult Nursing Course Lead: BSc (Top-up) International nursing Studies Anglia Ruskin University | **Autism Awareness**Lucy Roberts and Jo Dunne - Autism Anglia | **Breaking Down Barriers** Jacquie Russell CEO,Fiona Gooch Operations Manager andTracy Martinez LGBTQ+ Training Coordinator - The OutHouse |
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| 15:00-15:45 | **Supporting Parents with Visual Impairments**Kate CroftsLead for Alliance Integration & Transformation North-East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group | **Challenges in Improving the Reproductive Health and Care for Drug Addicted Women**Dr Claire Hooks and Dr Susan Walker – Anglia Ruskin University | **Leadership Academy**Julie Dynes-Conner and Amber Ramans-Harborough -Leadership Academy | **Understanding why Interpreting Matters** Valerie Gidney – INTRAN Partnership Manager |
| 15:50-16:00 | **Vote of Thanks and** **Summary of the day & closing remarks** Chair |