

The Centre for Policy on Ageing and the Social Care Workforce Research Unit at King's College London are co-hosting an afternoon seminar on Thursday, 23 September 2010, 1-45-4.30 on

THE FUTURE AGEING OF THE ETHNIC MINORITY POPULATION

Issues for planners and service providers

at the

Centre for Policy on Ageing, 19-23 Ironmonger Row, London EC1V 3QP

Seminar 1 in the New Politics of Ageing series

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Fee £20.00, concessions £10.00 students/unwaged (limited number of concessionary places available)

'The New Politics of Ageing' seminar series, co-hosted by CPA and SCWRU, will bring together people from a range of disciplines and sectors to discuss research, policy and practice to empower and support an ageing population. Topics for the next seminars are 'Age Equality in Health and Social Care: Age Discrimination and the Equality Act' (5 Oct) and 'Money Management and Decision Making' (16 November).

The ageing of ethnic minority groups over the next decades places an important duty on planners to provide appropriate social support, including housing and lifetime neighbourhoods. A clear understanding of the needs and aspirations of older BME people is critical to the development of public policies and services that incorporate the diversity of their experience. The seminar will address issues around support and gaps in services for ethnic minority older people, a particularly timely topic in relation to local government's strategic commissioning role driving on the integration of health and social care and a new statutory responsibility on public health functions.

Programme

1.45 Registration

2.00 Welcome and Introduction, Chair, Professor Jill Manthorpe, King's College London, SCWRU

2.05 THE FUTURE AGEING OF THE ETHNIC MINORITY POPULATION OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Nat Lievesley, CPA

By 2051 it is projected there will be 7.4 million Black and minority ethnic people in England and Wales aged 50 and over with 3.8 million aged 65 and over. Individual ethnic groups vary widely in their future ageing. Nat will look at the likely future ageing of individual ethnic groups, the implications for service delivery and the likely future incidence of conditions such as dementia.

Comments and discussion

2.45 ETHNICITY AND DEMENTIA

Jo Moriarty, SCWRU

Changes to dementia services will be needed to take account of the increases in the incidence and prevalence of dementia among Black and minority ethnic older people. Jo will review our existing knowledge of the experiences of Black and minority ethnic people with dementia to discuss issues such as take up of, and barriers to, the use of services, support for family carers, how services can ensure that they are more responsive to an increasingly diverse service user group.

Comments and discussion

3.25 Refreshments

3.40 INFORMAL SUPPORT TRANSFER WITH FAMILY MEMBERS

A comparative study across different ethnic groups in England and Wales

Rosalind Willis, Centre for Research on Ageing, University of Southampton

Exchanging practical help and support with family members is a common feature of most people's lives, and contributes to physical and emotional well-being. In later life this can become an essential part of maintaining levels of functioning and ability to remain in one's own home. It is commonly thought that minority ethnic groups provide family support at greater levels than White British people. Secondary analysis of the 2005 Home Office Citizenship Survey is presented which shows that minority ethnic groups are no more likely, and in some cases less likely, than the White British to exchange support with relatives. Service providers and planners are encouraged to challenge assumptions about minority ethnic groups.

Comments and discussion

4.20 Concluding comments, *Chair*

4.30 Close

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