

Summative notes from Inaugural meeting of Refugee and Asylum seeker Participatory Action Research (RAPAR) held at 14.00 hours on Thursday 19th July at the Revans Institute, University of Salford

Present:

Aldridge, Simon	R & D Lead, Salford PCT
Bobal, Hanif	Awaaz, Greater Manchester
David, Phil	Refugee Action, Manchester
Hamour, Bagha	Manchester Black Health Forum
Hussein, Abid	Chief Executives, Manchester City Council
Livesey, Lena	Social Services, Manchester City Council
Lovel, Hermione	School of Primary Care, University of Manchester
Mafia, Cath	Refugee Health Team, Salford PCT
Maudsley, Maggie	Social Services, Salford City Council (minute taker)
Moran, Rhetta	Revans Institute, University of Salford (meeting convener)
Thornton, Maria	R & D Manager, Salford PCT

Apologies:

Botham, David	Revans Institute, University of Salford
Gulam, Bill	Salford Association of University Teachers
Mohamed, Zeinab	Somali Midwife
Sheik, Nilofar	Salford Community Health Team
Temple, Bogusia	Institute for Health Research, University of Salford
Walbank, Lynne	Social Services, Salford City Council
Young, Steve	Salford Mental Health Trust and Revans Institute (Director of Centre for Community Learning)

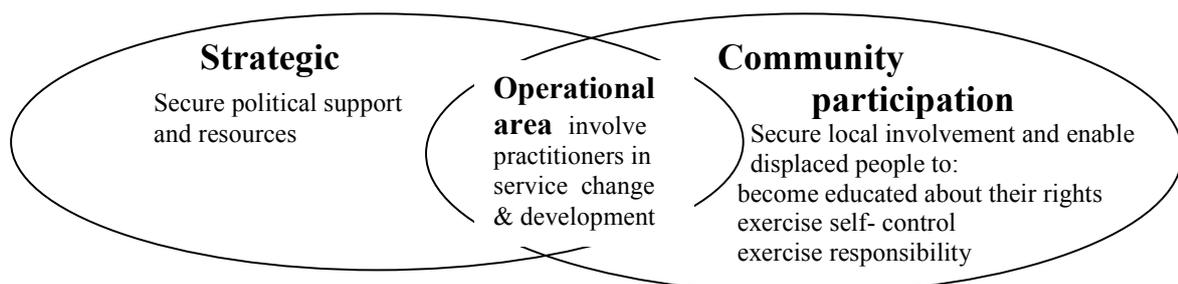
The following points were agreed together towards the end of a 2 hour discussion (minuted and notes are being held at Revans Institute if anyone wants a copy) and form the basis of a group action plan.

OVERALL AIM: To deliver sensitive and appropriate services within an increasingly diverse community

o Get the Chief Executives of our respective organizations - and our sister organizations in Trafford - signed up (in principle in the first instance) to exploring how this overall aim can be achieved through

- In general, participatory action research with (not on or for) displaced people, practitioners and applied academics
- Specifically, specific service development for specific communities

o Develop a parallel approach:



- o Secure monies (from within our own organizations where possible and through external bidding) for the development of Participatory Action Research with Refugees and Asylum seekers
- o Work with local people and local staff to reduce prejudice through informing people away from myths and unfounded fears
- o As part of the participatory action research processes, create interventions designed to improve displaced people's well-being
- o Find ways to resource displaced people to be involved in developing and doing this work
- o Identify service needs, using participatory action research to establish the evidence, and tailor services accordingly
- o Make a practitioner led investigation of bad practice in order to help people begin to change their practice
- o Find ways of regularly bringing together people from different and particular communities for social activities
- o Aim towards the creation of weekly sessions in GP surgeries where you can make contact with someone from your cultural background and daily 1 hour telephone lines where you can contact someone who can speak your language
- o In the future, approach the corporate sector – e.g. Sainsbury's and the Co-op – for their involvement in making organisational changes in how they deliver services to displaced people

Administration

From this meeting onwards, the mailings out will be handled through Maria Thornton at Salford PCT

Group Communication

A contact list of group members is being sent out with these notes

Working on a research proposal

Everyone present, apart from Hanif who won't be around at the time, will come together at the **Revans Institute at 10.00 on Thursday 23rd August** to work on a bid outline. People not present at this meeting would be very welcome also and are invited to contact Rhetta (0161-295-5277) if you would like to have a chat about where we are up to

Next meeting: Tuesday 25th September, 10.00, Revans Institute