Background to the Black & Asian Offenders Service

The Black and Asian Offenders Service (formerly known as the South Asian Offenders Project) was established in 1996 and has been working alongside the National Probation Service as a partnership agency ever since. The project comes under the umbrella organisation of the Pakistani Resource Centre. Several other projects also operate from the centre catering for the South Asian community across Greater Manchester.

The service has developed and expanded over the years not only in composition of staff but also in the areas of expertise in regards to culture , religion and ethnicity and how it fits in with the Criminal Justice System. The Service operates throughout the whole of Greater Manchester and our work practice is to visit each individual offender and offender manager at the designated Probation Office.

For further information or to make a referral please contact either:

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Background to the Pakistani Resource Centre

The Black and Asian Offenders Service is managed by the Pakistani Resource Centre and is in partnership with the African and Caribbean Mental Health Service.

The Pakistani Resource Centre is a charitable organization that was established in 1966. The centre provides essential services which reflect the needs of the South Asian Communities in the manner which is religiously and culturally sensitive to service users in the Greater Manchester area.

Services provided:

- Trafford South Asian Mental Health Service
- South Asian Counselling Project
- Welfare Rights Project
- Domestic Violence Project

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AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES MANCHESTER

Pakistani RESOURCE CENTRE

The Service and its Aim

The service is focused upon complementing the work of Offender Managers to ensure that clients from Black and South Asian cultural backgrounds have better access to service provision. The term Black refers to people from African or African-Caribbean background. The term South Asian refers to people of Bangladeshi, Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan and British origin with heritage in one of the above mentioned countries.

The aims of the Black and Asian Offenders Service is to provide consultancy on faith and culture of Black and South Asian Offenders throughout the Greater Manchester area. This is achieved by:

* Providing consultancy to Offender Managers on culture and faith issues for Black and Asian Offenders.

* Co-working and consultancy with Offender Managers on complex cases, providing a cultural and religious perspective to offending throughout all stages of probation intervention.

* Ensuring that Black and South Asian service users have equal access to justice and are not constrained by a lack of understanding of their culture, faith or language or by their own lack of understanding of the criminal justice system.

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Purpose of the Service

- To ensure appropriate sensitivity to culture and faith issues by Offender Managers
- To positively manage difference by improved understanding of faith, culture, ethnicity and any experiences of discrimination that maybe barriers to work on offending behaviour
- To be available for consultation and case assessment via discussion and co-work and undertake co-delivery of work where relevant
- To facilitate and enable offenders to problem solve and access community resources.

The service provides assistance in writing culturally appropriate Standard Delivery Reports. Offenders can be referred at pre-sentence stage or at the commencement or during community orders. The service assists in writing culturally appropriate Parole Assessment Reports and offenders can be referred at the start or during a Licence.

Specific work done by the service

Co-working with Offender Managers

Community Orders

Combination Orders

Supervision Orders

D.R.R

Sentence Planning

Supervision on Licence

Relevant Offence Focused Work

Other services provided

Counselling

Mentoring

Befriending

Emotional and practical support

Advocacy

Family support

Welfare rights information

Diversity Training (for Offender Managers)