

## IMPROVING ACCESS TO CRISIS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: FOR MINORITY ETHNIC AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES

**WHEN:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 10 am – 4:30pm including a buffet lunch

**WHERE:** Resource for London, 356 Holloway Road N7 6PA (PTO for directions)

### **DETAILS:**

This free whole day conference aims to share learning about Mind in Harrow's 'Olole Isbedel' campaign; an innovative campaign highlighting the Somali community's experience of multiple disadvantage, including extreme poverty and severe mental ill health, which is inextricably linked to over representation in the Criminal Justice System (CJS). By hearing from experts in the field and drawing on recommendations made in Lord Bradley's Report and the Department of Health's Crisis Care Concordat, delegates will find out how they can positively influence the campaign and transfer learnings across London. The conference will include:

- ✓ An overview of the culturally specific learnings from year 1 of the 'Olole Isbedel' campaign
- ✓ An exploration of mental health crisis care and its link with the CJS
- ✓ Learnings from local evidence, national research and guidance to achieve change in the current climate

Over the last year, 'Olole Isbedel' has developed a unique culturally specific evidence base to explain the root causes of the Somali communities' over representation in acute mental health services and the CJS. This conference aims to bring together a comprehensive and compelling evidence base which can be used to influence regional mental health policies and bring about lasting change for minority ethnic and refugee communities.

### **SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE:**

- **Dr Frank Keating**, Senior Lecturer in Health and Social Care and Director of Research, Royal Holloway, University of London – will chair the event
- **Dr Abdullahi Fido**, Consultant Psychiatrist with specialist knowledge and understanding of the Somali culture
- **Dr Angela Burnett**, General Practitioner and Co-author of National Mind's guidance on Commissioning mental health services for Vulnerable Migrants
- **Sophie Corlett**, Head of External Relations at National Mind and Senior Lead on the Crisis Care Concordat

## ADDITIONAL PANEL MEMBERS:

- Tara Benedetti, Caseworker, PLIAS Resettlement
- Michael Doyle, Head of Urgent Care Programme, NHS North West London

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?** Health and social care professionals, NHS Trust Diversity leads, commissioners of mental health services, Somali/black African and other community organisations supporting refugees and asylum seekers, those working in or with the CJS and other interested parties.

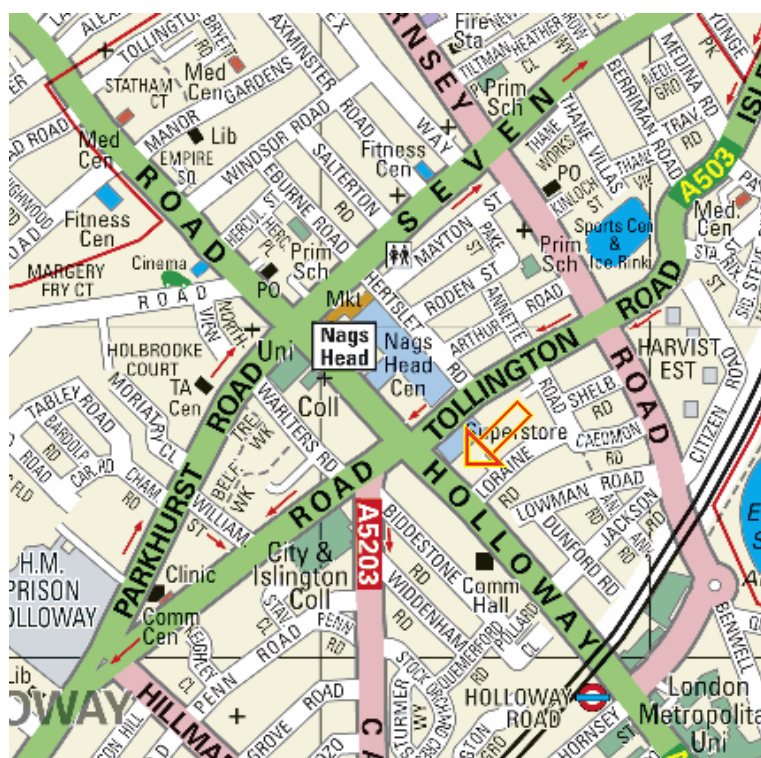
## DIRECTIONS

### By London Underground

Take the Piccadilly line to Holloway Road station. On leaving the station, turn left and walk under the railway bridge (5 minutes). Resource for London is on the opposite side of the road and can be reached by using the pedestrian crossing.

### By bus

Buses 4, 17, 29, 43, 153, 253, 259, 271, 279 and X43 stop within a short walk of Resource for London. Also there are mobility buses available in the area these are numbers 920, 921, 923 and 927.



**BOOKINGS:** Book early to secure your place! Please **RSVP by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2015** to Josie Hinton, Conference Coordinator  
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