



ETHNIC MINORITY NATIONAL RESILIENCE NETWORK

THEMATIC SUBGROUP MEETING NOTES

Group	Data, Health and Social Outcomes
Chairperson / Organisation	Jenni Keenan / PKAVS
Date of meeting	16/07/20

Attendees

Elric Honoure – Fife Centre for Equalities
Jeanette Findlay – Call it Out
Rakiya Sulieman – NHS Lothian and Borders
Danny Boyle – BEMIS
Frank Sheeran – Parish Council St. Marys and St. Alphonsus
Micheline Brannan – SCOJEC
Ephraim Borowski – SCOJEC
Eman Hani – CSREC
Prof. Vital Katikireddi – ERG COVID / Ethnicity
Manira Ahmed – NHS / St. Angelas Participation Centre
Gillian Raab – Data Academic / SCOJEC
Trishna Singh – Sikh Sanjog
Kimi Jolly - ESAS (East and Southeast Asian Support)
Sarah Kwan - ESAS (East and Southeast Asian Support)
Emeka Onyekwere – (Friends for All Project)
Peter Whitehouse – (National Records of Scotland / NRS)
Ryan Scott – NRS
Suzanne Munday – MECOPP

Key document - <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/covid19/ethnicity-deceased-covid-19-june20.pdf>

Key discussion Points

- Need to make gathering religious / ethnicity data mandatory on death registration certificate. Ethnicity data cannot appropriately identify ethno-religious communities. For example, Sikh, Jewish and others
- Racial classifications not working as White, Black, Asian etc... Call it Out, Parish councils and East and Southeast Asian support asking what are the ethnicities of these people?
- Irish community reps high concern that their high mortality covid death rate has not been identified as an ethnic minority community issue and has not been subject to additional Covid mortality analysis – why?
- NRS outlined the methodology of the ethnicity mortality report and responded as best as possible to queries put forward by group members.
- BEMIS Identified for analysis done cross referenced to the 2011 census that some communities, including African have likely increased significantly between 2011 – present day and may not show in census records if they arrived after 2011. This in part may inform any missing data info.
- BEMIS identified that the present 2011 census website is erroneous in its identification of Scotland's ethnic minority population. NRS website has it at 4%. Population share of BAME communities read in compliance with SG Race Equality Framework, Equality Act 2010 and evidence emerging in NRS Covid ethnicity means population based on 2011 census is 8.4%. This should be amended as a matter of urgency.
- MECOPP observation that mandatory religious and ethnicity data collation may be challenging to pursue. People will still have right not to provide this info.
- Need for further understanding of why it is important to collect religion and ethnicity data – i.e. a human rights based approach to data development and how it informs public policy

Actions or next steps

- Communicate to the NRS the request to update the 2011 census to reflect Scotland's diversity (draft to be shared with EMNRN Aug 2020)
- Gillian Raab to share further analysis of COVID / Ethnicity research
- BEMIS to share community feelings with ERG sub group on data
- Next Group meeting Thursday 20th August @10am.

Date of next meeting: 20th of August at 10am