



Gypsy, Roma & Traveller (GRT) Community

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- Service commenced April 2008
- Jointly funded by Supporting People (DCC) and Health (PCT)
- 3 full time staff to 45 units across 6 Council sites plus other encampments.



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Key aims of the service:

- Improve access to health, education, welfare benefits and leisure.
- Improve access to training and employment.
- Facilitate referrals into need identified specialist services.
- Advocacy

The March 2011 census was the first to ever recognise 'Gypsy or Irish Traveller' as a category for identification.





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Key health issues for the GRT Community:

- Significantly higher levels of certain health conditions e.g. asthma, anxiety, depression and long-term illness.
- Significant health concerns for children as a consequence of low immunisation levels.
- Increased likelihood of mis-carriage and still births.
- Mortality rates between 15 & 20 years lower than local communities.



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The Health Status of Gypsy Travellers in England: University of Sheffield 2004



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Key educational issues for the GRT
Community:

- GRT Community children have the poorest outcomes of any group in terms of success rates at GCSE level. (*DCLG 2009*)
- Significant levels of poor literacy skills across all age groups.



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Case Studies:

- Client C, West Auckland
- Mrs B

Questions and Discussion



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