Easington Locality
EPIC Project
County Durham and Tees Valley Focused Implementation Site
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Demographics
- Rural Locality with 20 electoral wards
- Population (2001 census) 93,981
- % of BME Population 0.68%
- % of White British Population 98.78%

Profile
- Deprived area of the country
- High expected level of prevalence of mental health illness compared to the national average (33.28%)
- Social conditions likely to be linked with mental ill health
- Easington PCT and Easington LIT
- Mental Health services provided to adults and older people by Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust & South Tyne & Wear
Rural Complexities

- Dispersed Individuals – Isolation
- Low BME population
- Micro Cultures – Town, Villages, Individuals
- Accessibility
- None or little local community & voluntary organisations

EPIC Project Plan

Build on previous work, ...

- Cultural Sensitivity Audit – LIT
- BME Themed Review (Autumn Assessment 2004)
- David Bennett Audit & Recommendations
Focus on two areas:

- Individual Case Studies
- Rural Focus Collaborative methodology
- Chinese Community Engagement
- Enhanced Pathways into Care for the Chinese Community

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- Better Information for the Chinese community on mental health
- Improve access to MH services
- Develop links and relationships with the Chinese community organisations

Chinese Community Engagement
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Case Study

Patient Journey

Identify Areas for improvement leading to enhanced pathways

Service Users already accessing and using MH services

Audit Current pathways and experiences