

LINK CONSULTATION 1ST DECEMBER 2008 –
BME WOMEN’S VOICE GROUP.

PARTICIPANTS: 30 Women aged between 16 and 65 years of age.

QUESTION 1:

What do you see as the main health care issues affecting you in Doncaster?

- The women pointed out that appointments are made at Doctors for when the Doctor has not even arrived at the surgery.
- GP’s appointment waiting list is too long, usually two weeks.
- It is impossible to get a Dentist.
- All the women felt that surgery times should be more flexible rather than just morning and afternoon.

QUESTION 2:

What do you see as the main social care issues affecting you in Doncaster?

- The women spoke of their resistance to attend to “women’s issues” because of what they see as inappropriate services.
- Sixteen out of thirty women their families do not have a Dentist.
- The women wanted to draw attention to the fact that health care facilities have not increased to match the increased population in the Doncaster Borough.
- Three of the women said that health care provision in Doncaster is “perfect”.

QUESTION 3

How do you think these issues can realistically be tackled?

- All agreed that there should be more Doctors, Doctors Surgeries and more Dentists.
- Dental practices should be more strategically placed.
- The women all felt that there should be a well women's clinic at the Women's Centre.
- The women said a lot of the waiting times in GP's would be reduced if the opening hours were extended and more flexible.
- The Government should contribute to the training of more NHS Dentists.
- Cost of dental care should be subsidised.

QUESTION 4:

What are the 3 issues that you would ideally like Doncaster Link to take forward?

- We would like LINK to get involved in the dire situation with Dental provision for families.
- The women wanted LINK to support their desire to have a well women clinic in a "women only" environment.
- The women appealed to LINK to highlight waiting lists at GP's as well as Dentists since in their opinion this situation is being ignored.