

Tackling Health Inequalities in the Gypsy Traveller Community




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Midwives

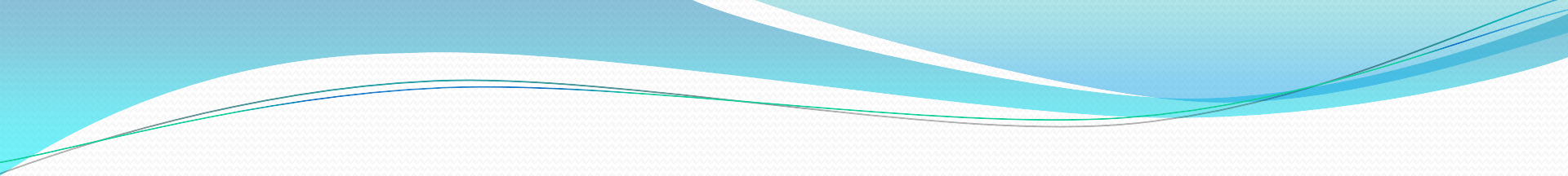
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WHY??



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- Gypsy and Traveller women are estimated to live 12 years less than women in the general population and men 10 years less, although recent research suggests the gap could be much higher
 - Three times as likely to die by suicide than the general population.
 - Three times more likely to be anxious than average and just over twice as likely to be depressed
 - High prevalence of substance misuse/Diabetes



The MBRRACE report into maternal deaths (2018) showed that **Black women were five times** more likely to die in pregnancy or within 42 days of giving birth.

Traveller community have the poorest maternal and neonatal outcomes of any BAME group.

I have heard
that they
steal things

* I have heard
that there properly
prostitutes??

That
there
called
pikeys

STEEL
THINGS!

Thieves
Cheap
Smell
Fat

I hear that they curse you
and can become
aggressive to you and
rob for food etc.

They are
violent
~~stay~~ stay where
they aren't welcome

They leave
rubbish
where they
travel to.

There
violent
and
are
beggars

I have heard that
they have weird customs
that they sacrifice
things.

Nasty
people!
rude

Smell

Steal things

They take
up our
oxygen.

Gypsies nick your
clothes of your
washing lines whilst
your out.

Really smelly
don't wash.

Smelly
dirty

Don't pay
for any thing.

DIRTY

~~Really~~ Really
dumb

Headlines from Cornish Newspapers

Gypsy camp keeps housebuyers away, owners claim

Not real gypsies

Travellers' camp is next to food-processing plants

Health hazard claim

Renner as gypsy sites
plan axed by council

Councillor's resignation
threat over travellers

Hitch up your wagons
and roll on out of Duchy

Gypsy and traveller site bids
spark a wave of protests

'I blame
travellers
for ruining
my dream'

Massive vote
against sites
for travellers

Anger at council
gypsy 'whitewash'

'Parasite' travellers
at Coverack targeted

**HOMES
CASH
GOES TO
GYPSIES**

Cheers as councillors say
no to travellers

Travellers
should be
sent to
Brussels

It's our right to say 'no' to
traveller encampments

Caravan 'set ablaze
by fire-bomber'

Anger over 'secret' plan
to extend gypsy camp

**Hundreds of residents
register their protest
against travellers' site**

Gypsies make
camp next to
classy hotel

Residents to storm meeting
in protest at gypsy site plans

Stop giving priority
to travellers' feelings

13.50 appointment

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Kernow Maternity Voices Partnership

Independent NHS body focussed on service user engagement and coproduction

We are led by service users and passionate about working towards better births for all in Cornwall and IOS



During planning of a month long engagement activity we identified Gypsy and traveller women as a group of seldom heard service users who had much poorer outcomes than any other group in Cornwall

TravellerSpace provided vital links and introductions to the community and a space to carry out engagement.



Participatory appraisal techniques- Creative and visual feedback boards

Issues to overcome included literacy levels, understanding of language, concentration levels, busy and noisy environment, standard questionnaires and feedback forms not effective, lack of trust.

Understanding Culture
Recognise stereotypes and bias
Accepting difference
Listening and respecting stories



We don't
learn from
talking; we
learn from
listening.

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Feedback taken straight to HoM who then accompanied us to the group



Equal

Fair

Voice

Accountability

Challenging

Respect

Collective

Coproduction

Transparent

Shared

Partnership

Fusion

Unified

Harmony





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- 2 midwives, 7.5 hours each.
- AN, PN and hopefully intrapartum care.
- Small caseload of 4.
- High rates of twins, still birth, late miscarriage, premature delivery and neonatal death, low birth weight below 10th centile.
- 0% vaccination rate flu vaccine and whooping cough

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- AN appointments
- Bloods
- Immunisations
- Health promotion/education
- Continuity of Carer
- Attend scans/consultant appointments
Partnership working (HV, Housing officer, Charity, MVP, named SW, named Consultant)
- Simplify where possible



Outcomes...

- 100% vaccination rate for whooping cough
- Willingness to engage with smoking cessation, attempts to reduce.
- Prolonged pregnancy
- Continuity of carer- AN, IP, PN
- 0% staff sickness
- Job satisfaction
- Empowered midwives and empowered women
- Positive feedback from women



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- Staff attitudes, prejudice
- Time management, new approach, visits out of hours...
- On-call cover and work life balance, child care.
- DNA consultant, scan, GP
- Literacy and numeracy barriers
- High dependency on urgent care
- Phone signal
- Being creative!
- Lone Working



I'm very
happy.
Its nice to
have our
own
Midwives



Planting the seeds.....



- Role model to other young women in community...early education
- Discussions around contraception, BF, diet
- Other health care professionals?
- Other Gypsy and Traveller communities in Cornwall

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