

**Developing Services For Minority Ethnic Older People: The Audit Tool;  
Practice Guidelines For Councils With Social Service Responsibilities**

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Both the National Service framework for Older People and the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 aim to improve standards of care for older people, providing them with services free from discrimination. In this context this audit tool has been prepared by the Department of Health to act as practice guidance for all minority ethnic older people. It supports the publication 'From Lip Service to Real Service', published by the Department of Health in November 2001 (this publication was the first product of the Department of Health's 'Developing Services for Black Older People' project). The audit tool includes a diagnostic questionnaire and an action plan template, both of which are a positive step to real service changes for minority ethnic older people.

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