

Macmillan Black and Minority Ethnic Toolkit – Effective communication with African-Caribbean and African men affected by prostate cancer

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Macmillan Cancer Relief aims to provide information to target prostate cancer awareness within the Black male community. A new Toolkit for health and social care professionals is intended to implement cultural sensitivity and encourage more Black men to seek help.

The new manual has been launched by the cancer charity to combat the high prevalence of prostate cancer within the Black male community. Although data has been scarce within the UK to assess the number of men affected or at risk of being affected, the data indicates that Black men are three times more likely to be at risk of developing prostate cancer than their White counterparts.

Melanie Lee, Black and Minority Ethnic Information Programme Manager, says that African-Caribbean and African men seem to be reluctant to approach the appropriate services to gain help for fear of embarrassment. Professionals within the health and social departments were also aware that guidance was needed on issues, which may or may not be deemed sensitive to African-Caribbean and African men.

Macmillan's Black and Minority Ethnic Information Programme has collaborated with charities and African support groups to help create the Toolkit required to provide a culturally sensitive and aware health environment for men at risk of prostate cancer.

To obtain a free copy of the Macmillan Black and Minority Ethnic Toolkit – Effective communication with African-Caribbean and African men affected by prostate cancer contact:

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