**Expression of Interest: Project 1**

**Community engagement systems for people from ethnic minority communities to improve access to mental health care**

Thank you for expressing an interest in this project. This submission should be completed by the ARC on behalf of relevant partners and submitted to MHIN **(sundus.khalid@kcl.ac.uk) by noon on Monday 17 October 2022**. Please supply as much detail as possible within each section. Brief guidance notes are provided as an appendix.

**Details of confirmed partners and contact details**

**Please complete details as comprehensively as possible. Add rows to the table as necessary.**

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| Organisation name | Lead contact name | Contact email | Type of organisation (e.g. ARC/AHSN/NHS/community organisation) | Available for workshop 1? (Early-Nov) |
| ARC |  |  | ARC | Y/N |
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**1. Is there existing board level support in your ARC to support PCREF? Please give details.**

**2. Is there existing board level support in local NHS Trusts for PCREF? Please give details.**

**3. Is there existing board level support in local community organisations for PCREF? Please give details.**

**4. Please give details of any existing coproduction and/or PPI arrangements that are planned, or already in place, to support this work**

**5. Under PCREF, what specific interventions is/are your provider(s) planning to implement (or has already started to implement) and which would you like to be considered for inclusion in this MHIN project? Has funding already been allocated for implementation of these specified intervention(s) within the PCREF framework?**

**6. Please give details of sites where this intervention(s) is already planned or being implemented as part of PCREF**

**7. Please give a summary of your ARC’s approach to working with the implementing site(s) (e.g. proposed support with project design (implementation science methodology). How does your ARC propose to support stakeholder engagement? What is your ARCS’s approach to the local evaluation framework?**

**8. How does your preferred intervention help to reduce health inequalities in your local area? Is there a good fit with local priorities identified through Core20Plus5[[1]](#footnote-1)?**

Guidance notes

A shortlisting panel from the MHIN team will use a predetermined selection process to select partner organisations. The broad selection criteria are listed below. Please use these to guide your completion of the Expression of Interest template.

Shortlisting criteria for MHIN Project 1:

1. Commitment to working with MHIN - is there clear commitment from the ARC and the implementation partners to working with MHIN and national colleagues?
2. Implementation readiness - is there evidence that the implementing MH Trust has board level commitment to PCREF, have all the partners/stakeholders signed up, has funding been allocated and an implementation timeline agreed?
3. Choice of intervention - is it clear which specific intervention(s) will be implemented within the PCREF framework?
4. Is there a clear approach to support and evaluation from the ARC - is it clear how the ARC will be supporting the implementing site(s) - e.g. implementation science or evaluation approach, such as peer researcher?
5. Impact on inequalities - are there recognised inequalities in local minoritised ethnic groups that will be addressed by the intervention?

The panel will also take into consideration whether the organisations expressing an interest is in a region underserved by MH research.

We may invite shortlisted applicants to a short online meeting to discuss their bid. We expect to make a final decision will be made by mid-October 2021.

1. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/equality/equality-hub/national-healthcare-inequalities-improvement-programme/core20plus5/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)