

Audit Tool for Housing and related services for Older Minority Ethnic people



Housing and Older People
Development Group



AT HOME

How older people from black and minority ethnic groups can share their views about their housing

- *Are you an older person from a black and minority ethnic group?*
- *What's your home like?*
- *Do you like where you live?*
- *Are there things about your home or where you live that you would like to change?*
- *Do you need support to help you stay in your current home but aren't sure what there is?*
- *Would you like to move but don't know what options are available?*
- *Do you face particular difficulties because of your language, culture or ethnic origin?*

The answers to these questions can help local organisations make sure they provide the sort of housing and support services that will meet your needs.

To do this well, they need to talk to older people, and groups that represent older people in local areas. This means talking to you – and asking the sorts of questions set out above.

To help you and the organisations that provide services locally, the Housing and Older People Development Group (HOPDEV) has worked with Salford University to produce an 'audit tool' – called AT HOME.

AT HOME has a number of separate parts. The first is all about your views and experiences of housing and housing support services, and finding out what you would like to change. The other parts look at issues such as what services are provided locally at the moment, and at information and access to services.

Organisations that complete any or all of these parts will then draw up an action plan for change. If you have been involved in answering any of the questions, you could ask to be involved in the next stages as well.

If you would like to see the audit tool, you can download an English version from the website at <http://hopdev.housingcare.org>. If this interests you, and you are already in touch with a local organisation that provides or funds housing and housing support, you could ask them if they will use AT HOME.

We hope that using AT HOME will help you, as an older person from a black and minority ethnic group, tell us about your needs and wishes about housing and housing support, and lead to changes in the way local housing and support services are delivered to you.