

New Research:

Visual impairment in minority ethnic communities in the UK

Project background:

In 2022, BRAVO VICTOR and BAME Vision conducted a rapid review which found important gaps in the evidence relating to the impact of living with visual impairment, support needs and experiences with eyecare services within BAME communities in the UK (www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpubh.2023.1119540/full).

About this research:

This programme of research will explore the everyday experiences of living with visual impairment, experiences along the eyecare pathway and support needs of adults from different minority ethnic communities in the UK. Data will be collected in a series of semi-structured interviews, followed by a survey.

To make this research relevant and appropriate, we will:

- focus on individual communities
- recruit Community Champions from each community to lead on participant recruitment and data collection
- offer the research in different languages for non-English speakers

How you can get involved:

Be a Community Champion – if you are from a minority ethnic community, have a background or interest in research and would like to get involved in this research

Be a Participant – if you would like for your voice to matter and take part in this research

We are also inviting input from members of the communities into the topics to explore and how best to engage with their communities.

Contact details:

To find out more about this research and how to take part, please contact Nikki Heinze, lead researcher at BRAVO VICTOR, nikki.heinze@bravovictor.org or Bhavini Makwana, Founder at BAME Vision, info@bamevision.org



Visual impairment in Chinese communities in the UK

We are currently inviting adults from Chinese communities who have a visual impairment to take part in a research interview which will explore your everyday experiences of living with visual impairment, support needs and access to services.

Who can take part?

You can take part if you:

- are aged 18 and over
- are Chinese or of Chinese heritage
- have a visual impairment (reduced vision which cannot be corrected by glasses/contact lenses)
- have been living in the UK for at least 1 year
- are able to provide informed consent to take part in this research



in

What will taking part involve?

You will be invited to take part in an audio-recorded interview lasting around 1.5 hours. The interview will take place over the phone or computer using Microsoft Teams. Arrangements can be made to do the interview in person and in Mandarin. Participants will receive a £20 Post Office gift card as a thank you for their time.

Who is carrying out this study?

The research is carried out by BRAVO VICTOR in collaboration with BAME Vision (www.bamevision.org), and is supported by the Thomas Pocklington Trust.

The Community Champion on this project is Yanan Yu, Research Assistant at BRAVO VICTOR. Yanan is originally from China, speaks Mandarin and English and has a visual impairment.

This research project has been reviewed and approved by the University of Northumbria Research Ethics Committee (approval date 20/02/2023).

Contact details:

For more information about this research, please contact Yanan Yu (yanan.yu@bravovictor.org, 020 7550 4049)