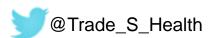


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Meeting Local Need - Dosti

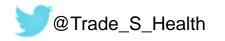
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The Beginnings

- Leicester City culturally diverse
- Trade Personal lived experience
- Anecdotal evidence Sauna work, other services
- National data Gay Men's Sex Survey/Briefing Sheets/Insight Panel – Sigma Research
- Needs Assessment CHAPS/Trade/LGBT Foundation - RAP





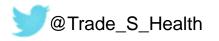




RAP Recommendations

We wanted to use RAP's recommendations to:

- Increase Professional's understanding of South Asian MSM's cultural, family and religious issues.
- Actively promote South Asian role models in LGBT communities
- Increase accessibility and promotion of services to South Asian MSM
- Reduce isolation, through developing opportunities for South Asian MSM to meet and provide mutual support.
- Work with the wider Asian community wherever possible to promote positivity and inclusivity about Asian MSM





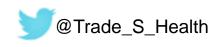


What Next?



South Asian Support Worker

- Funding Lloyds Bank Foundation
- Creation of Dosti
- Building up trust and support using: Ward meetings, faith groups, other regional and national support groups









Dosti











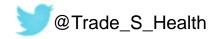
Learning and Successes

Learning:

- Its not easy
- Consult with people and listen
- Don't give up, this will be slow
- Intersectionality

Successes:

- More South Asian MSM accessing all services
- More testing
- The group continues to grow
- SGIB Project
- Local commissioning
- Activism
- Grant Funding for social activities and self-confidence workshops







Any Questions?









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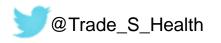


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