

GURU NANAK NISHKAM SEWAK JATHA 18- 20 SOHO ROAD HANDSWORTH BIRMINGHAM B21 9BH



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### CARE IN THE COMMUNITY COMMUNITIES

#### **Birmingham Council of Faiths**

'Speak With Pride, Listen With Respect'

Faith Heath & Wellbeing Seminar

#### 'How Are Faith Groups Keeping Pressure Off Hospitals'

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the

Postgraduate Centre Queen Elizabeth Hospital B15 2GW

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### CARE IN THE COMMUNITY COMMUNITIES

Faith Communities provide essential service (usually free at the point of use)

These are provided selflessly and without expectations

If we look at our values first





### CARE IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH OUR RESPECTIVE FAITH VALUES

As a Sikh serving humanity through embracing our respective faith values:

- Daya (Compassion)
- Sat (Truth) -Truth is high, but higher still is truthful living
- Santokh (Contentment)
- Nimritha (Humility)
- Pyaar (Unconditional love)

'Being God Centered Not Person Centered'





### CARE IN THE COMMUNITY WHAT IMPROVES THE HEALING PROCESS

#### AN EXAMPLE FROM A SIKH PERSPECTIVE

A **Gurudwara** is a Sikh Place of Worship

**Gu** = Darkness **Ru** = Light **Dwara** - The threshold of the Guru

- (The Guru takes us from darkness to light through His
- threshold) Supporting us through illness and difficult times
- Darbar Is where Guru Granth Sahib Ji, the Eternal Living Guru of Sikhs is enthroned providing the community with Religious and Spiritual Care through GURBANI (PRAYER)
- The community comes to do Ardaas (supplication) and listen to Gurbani – (prayer) in the presence of the Guru this in turn improves the healing process.





### CARE IN THE COMMUNITY WHAT IMPROVES THE HEALING PROCESS

 The support from the Sangat/Community/Congregation in the Gurudwara, through their Ardaas (supplication) Humility, Love, Kindness and Compassion which helps and improves the healing process





## CARE IN THE COMMUNITY NUTRITION

- Langar This is blessed food which is prepared and served in the Gurudwara for the community
- It is a fresh nutritional hot meal
- Prepared and served daily by selfless sewadars (volunteers)
- Throughout the year 24/7
- At GNNSJ Langar is served to 25,000 people a week





### CARE IN THE COMMUNITY STRESS - MOTHER

- Supporting mothers to be stress free
- Good Feelings through positive thoughts, self care, preventing anxiety, depression and stress
- Caring and Supporting them through challenges they face in daily and family life
- Educating mothers to develop a firm foundation to improve quality of life to prosper the community





#### CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

**NISHKAM SIKH ROGI AASRA** (Selfless Chaplaincy Service)



A Free Confidential Service for Sarbat Da Bhalla (Care For All)





# CARE IN THE COMMUNITY NISHKAM SIKH ROGI AASRA

(Selfless Chaplaincy Service)

- This is a Faith based drop-in service at the Nishkam Centre in Handsworth B21 for the local community
- Caring and Supporting the community through:
- A Listening Ear and understanding their needs through Culture Sensitivity and Bilingual Language
- Providing Supportive, Religious, Spiritual, End of Life, Bereavement Care, Emotional Wellbeing, Elderly Support and Befriending Services through Places Of Welcome, Friendly Places and Love Your Neighbour weekly coffee mornings
- Inspiring, Educating and Empowering the community





#### CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

#### **Emotional Wellbeing**

- A free and confidential service
- Delivered by trained professional volunteers
- Available 7 days a week
- Breaking down mental health stigma
- Supporting people through:
- Daily appointments/drop in sessions:
- Understanding the root causes





## CARE IN THE COMMUNITY IMPACT

#### **IMPACT OF FAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- Improves self esteem
- Improves health
- Improves self reliance
- Fast Track healing process
- Reduces medication reliance
- Uplifts and gives hope
- Breaks down loneliness





## **CARE IN THE COMMUNITY Serving God's Creation**

#### By serving His Creation we are serving Him

- Serving humanity not providing a service, doing our job, meeting targets and ticking boxes
- Wrap around services
- We do not subscribe to stopping conventional treatment but supplementing it
- 'Sarab Rog Ka Ukad Naam'
  His Name Heals All Alignments GGSJ Ang 274
  - Duty of Care Requires leap of faith





## CARE IN THE COMMUNITY SIGNPOSTING

### LINKED WITH OTHER INHOUSE SERVICES REDUCING STRESS/ANXIETY /FAMILY BREAKDOWNS

- Nishkam Welfare Services
- Debit
- Housing
- Welfare Benefits
- Nishkam Health and Wellbeing
- Gym, Steam and Sauna
- Alternative Therapies
- Yoga
- Nutrition