**A study to develop Culturally-appropriate Schizophrenia Psychological Educational Resources (CaSPER)**

Dr Dawn Edge is currently running a project which aims to develop Culturally-appropriate Schizophrenia Psychological Educational Resources (CaSPER for short). We plan to work with current and former African Caribbean patients/service users, their relatives/carers and members of the community to create an ‘e-learning’, online (I.e. in the form of a website) educational resource to improve knowledge about schizophrenia. We hope that the culturally-sensitive information about diagnosis, symptoms, causes and treatment of schizophrenia will reduce stigma and negative attitudes in the community and improve engagement with services.

**In the current phase of the study, we will be running a focus group with young people, aged 18-29 years, who are relatives or carers to African Caribbean people with schizophrenia or psychosis.** We are currently focussing on young people, as they were underrepresented in our previous focus groups.We hope that the group will help us shape the content of the resource by identifying particular issues which they would like to see in our resource (e.g. symptoms, stigma, medication) and format of the resource (e.g. blogs, discussion groups, personal stories).

Once this phase of the project has been complete, we will work with a small number of patients/service users and relatives/carers to turn their experiences into digital stories using a range of creative media (such as music, film and poetry). These stories will then form the basis of our e-learning resource and will resemble a two-three minute video clip. Individuals who participate in the focus groups will have the opportunity to sign up to participate in the workshops to turn their experiences into video clips.

The focus group will be held on **Wednesday****5th October at 6-8:30pm**

**Venue:** Cliff Bell Seminar Room, Coupland 1 Building, Coupland Street, The University of Manchester (near Manchester Museum)

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