

NHS Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Programme News

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Reaching out to communities

For more than 10 years, the Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Programme has led on innovative public outreach and educational activities.

A suite of resources has now been published online based on the findings of this work. This is a resource for those involved in outreach work both in the NHS and the voluntary sector.

Cathy Coppinger, Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Programme Manager, said: "Working with the voluntary sector, we have been highly effective in reaching out to communities at risk.

"We wanted to create a record of what we did, and to provide advice for other people undertaking outreach – whether in sickle cell and thalassaemia or other health issues."

The online resources include:

- [good practice](#) tips and advice including video clips and photographs from outreach sessions
- a [case study](#) explaining what the programme did, the research to inform the work and how the projects were managed
- [examples](#) of materials to support the work including presentations and training resources
- copies of the [research](#) used to develop the project

New Programme Advisory Group Chair



Welcome to Glenda Augustine

The programme welcomes Glenda Augustine as chair of the advisory group. She is a Consultant in Public Health with a long-standing interest in haemoglobinopathies.

Glenda initially worked in the field of haemoglobinopathies as a clinical nurse specialist then as a lead nurse, managing the first day care centre in England for patients with sickle cell and thalassaemia.

She has vast experience in

screening including working as the National Lead for Child Health Screening Coordinators. She also supported the implementation of the screening programme in the West Midlands and developed a training resource used across England and Wales.

Glenda appreciates the opportunity to chair the advisory group and support the continued delivery of a robust screening programme.

