



Partnership at work

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Cllr. Cyril Harrison
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Tuesday 25th May 2004

Dear Councillor Harrison,

From the 1st April 2004, Harrow Council for Racial Equality (HCRE) has assumed responsibility for the monitoring of cases of racial incidents reported to Harrow Police, a responsibility which was bestowed upon HCRE by the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, empowering the CRE to monitor Police action on reports of racial incidents. Harrow Police had also indicated that they wished to work solely in conjunction with HCRE in matters relating to race hate crimes.

The monitoring work will involve HCRE liaising with all people who report racial incidents, and enquiring as to their satisfaction with the service which has been provided to them by the Police in the process of investigating their report.

As I am sure you are aware, this monitoring function was previously undertaken by the HPCCG Racial Harassment Sub-Group, a group which was funded by both Harrow Council and Harrow Police to carry out such a task. As HCRE is at present not in receipt of any funding for the purpose of monitoring reported racial incidents, and with reference to the description of the duties given above, I am requesting a grant of £3,000 to carry out the duty which has been placed on HCRE by Harrow Council and Harrow Police. I would be grateful if you were to bring this matter to the attention of the Grant Sub-Committee members at the next meeting, and inform me of the decision reached. Please contact me in the meantime if you have any further questions, or if I can provide further information.

Yours sincerely,

Prem Pawar

Director

cc. Cllr. Asad Omar (*Chairperson*)



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Monday 23rd August 2004

Dear Ms. Clark,

Thank you for your letter of the 13th August regarding my request for additional funding for the Harrow Council for Racial Equality. As I am sure you are aware, the remit of the HPCCG Racial Harassment Sub-Group was passed over in its entirety to HCRE, as yet without any financial recompense for the services rendered.

Under the terms of this hand-over, HCRE is required to:

- Take from Harrow Police a list of all complainants involved in cases with a racial element, and follow up both in writing and per telephone their satisfaction with the work of the Police in their case;
- Collate and report these results to the Police in a meeting convened specifically for that purpose;
- Present and report results to the Multi-Agency Forum (MAF) and other interested parties;
- Maintain and act upon the calls received on a hotline set up specifically for the use of victims of racial harassment.

Cases arising from these new duties number roughly 25-30 new per month; these are dealt with in addition to the existing caseload at HCRE. I estimate that around 25 hours per month are devoted to the completion of these new duties by HCRE staff, and HCRE also incurs a certain amount of attendant administrative costs.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Prem Pawar

Director

cc. Madan Badale (*Chairperson*); John Solomon (*Committee Member*)