Review Panel information for COVID-19 and minority ethnic groups call

In July, UKRI launched a call for new research on COVID-19 and minority ethnic groups: *Understanding the reasons for vulnerability to COVID-19 and the differential social, cultural and economic impacts of the pandemic on minority ethnic groups.*

This call builds on previous awards to investigate the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 among people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds.

The call for proposals closed on Friday 18th September. Applications are now being assessed by a specially convened review panel with a view to funding projects up to a combined value of £5m. The assessment process and award decision will be complete in November.

The panel membership includes:

Professor Tarani Chandola (Chair), University of Manchester  
Professor Sinead Brophy, Swansea University  
Jabeer Butt, Race Equality Foundation  
Professor Jagjit Chadha, National Institute of Economic and Social Research  
Dr Jayati Das-Munshi, King’s College London  
Professor Meena Dhanda, University of Wolverhampton  
Professor Azhar Farooqi, Clinical Director, Centre for Black and Minority Ethnic Health  
Professor Peter Hopkins, Newcastle University  
Associate Professor Stacy Johnson, University of Nottingham  
Professor Meena Kumari, University of Essex  
Professor Simonetta Longhi, University of Reading  
Professor Ambreena Manji, Cardiff University  
Professor Linda McDowell, University of Oxford  
Professor Pnina Werbner, Keele University

The call specification was informed by a workshop convened by UKRI in June to explore key evidence gaps about the vulnerability of different ethnic groups to COVID-19 and its impacts. A range of experts joined this formative discussion, bringing with them considerable community, sector and research knowledge. Attendees’ backgrounds covered a range of disciplines including sociology, social policy, psychology, law, philosophy, research methods, epidemiology and public health. Key policy and government stakeholders also participated. Fifty per cent of attendees were from Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups.