

BIAS is a community development and welfare agency set up in 1978. It provides a range of advice, information and specialist support services to the Irish community in Brent and Harrow primarily, and London generally.

Children and Families Social Work Service

BIAS Community Services is contracted by the Children's Service Development Unit of the London Borough of Brent Social Services Department, to provide culturally specific support services to Irish Children and Families in need, in the Borough. The service is provided under the requirement of the Children Act 1989.



BIAS Social Work Service can offer the following:

- Assessment work:
Comprehensive assessment.
Initial assessment of need.

- Keyworking with:
Children on Child Protection Register.
Children "Looked After" by the Local Authority.

- Work with Care Leavers.

- Casework:
Direct work with Children.
Family work.

- Advocacy and Support:
Attending case conferences/reviews.
Facilitating contact between the children and their natural parents.

- Consultancy on specific issues relating to work with Irish families including Irish Travellers.

BIAS is currently participating in monitoring the needs of Irish people and with your consent you may be asked some simple questions for the purpose.

HOW TO ACCESS THIS SERVICE:

- Telephone BIAS Social Worker to discuss proposed referral.
- Complete BIAS referral form if agreed appropriate referral.
- BIAS worker and client/family will discuss appropriate intervention at the first appointment and an action plan/care plan will be formed. BIAS will then offer four appointments and hold a review to consider long-term involvement.



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