

COMMUNITY CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

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Introduction

Charedi Jewish Community in Hackney

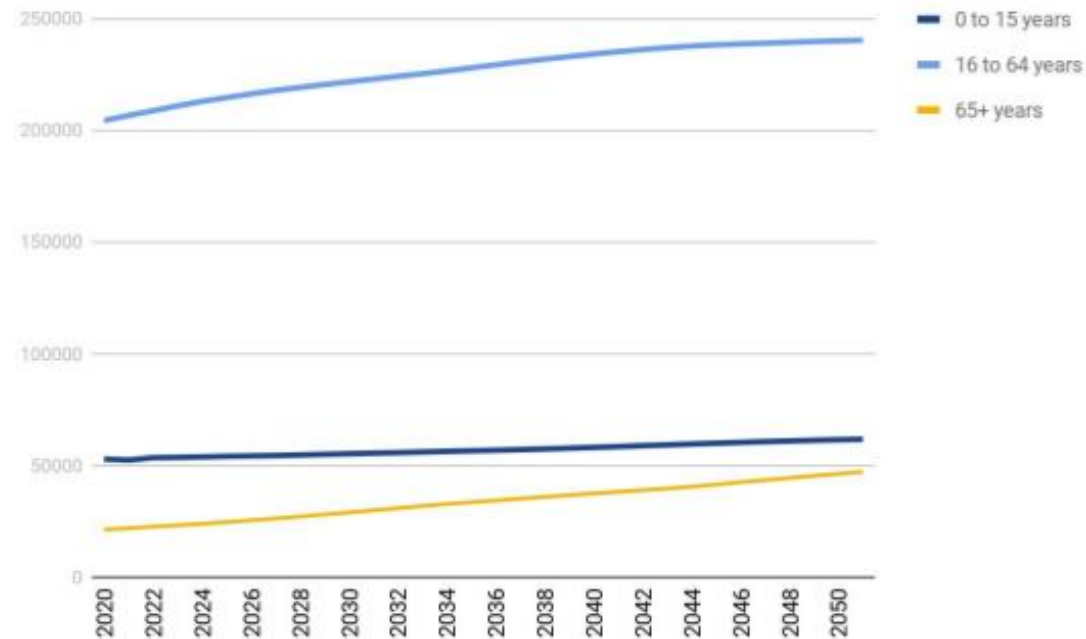
- ❖ A community is a group of people with different characteristics connected by social relations, who have alike perspectives, and who take part in joined activities in specific geographical locations (MacQueen *et al.* 2001).
- ❖ A community development project is a process in which individuals get together to take action on issues that matter to them (SCDC, 2023).
- ❖ The project's aim is to address the issue of increased breast cancer cases in Charedi Jewish women in Hackney and to raise awareness.

Demographics

Hackney's population consists of approximately 259,100 people which is over a 5% increase since 2011.

(ONS, 2023).

Figure 5: Hackney's projected population 2020 -50



Source: GLA Projections 2018, Central Trend-based (2019-2050)

Demographics

Ethnicity

- ❖ White – 53.1%
- ❖ Black – 21.1%
- ❖ Asian – 10.4%
- ❖ Mixed – 6.7%
- ❖ Other – 8.7%

(ONS, 2022)

Religion

- ❖ No religion – 36.3%
- ❖ Christian – 30.7%
- ❖ Muslim – 13.3%
- ❖ Jewish – 6.7%
- ❖ Buddhist – 0.9%
- ❖ Hindu – 0.8%
- ❖ Sikh – 0.7%
- ❖ Other – 1.9%

(ONS, 2022)

Gender

- ❖ Heterosexual – 79.6%
- ❖ LGB or other – 7.8%
- ❖ Gave no answer - 12.6%

(Hackney, 2023)

Charedi Jewish community in Hackney

- ❖ 30,000 Charedi Orthodox Jewish people live in Hackney area (The LGA, 2020).
- ❖ 49% of the Charedi people are working (Hackney, 2020).
- ❖ Highly religious with no access to social media, tv, radio, and newspapers (The LGA, 2020).
- ❖ Rising numbers of people suffering from anxiety, depression, and other mental diseases, and high risk of cancer due to BRCA gene mutation (NHSRHO, 2022).
- ❖ 1 in every 300 to 400 Charedi people have the BRCA gene mutation (Breast Cancer UK, 2022).
- ❖ 1 in 40 Charedi Jewish women has a mutation of the BRCA gene which increases the risk of breast cancer (NHSRHO, 2022).

Breast Cancer

- ❖ Nearly 56,000 breast cancer cases yearly in UK.
- ❖ Nearly 11,500 people die of the disease each year.
- ❖ More than 76% of people suffering from breast cancer live for ten or more years.
- ❖ One in seven women in UK is diagnosed with breast cancer.
- ❖ Genes, age and some risk factors can lead to breast cancer.

(Cancer Research UK, n.d).

Policies and legislations

- ❖ The Health and Social Care Act 2012 – improving healthcare quality and outcomes for patients (The King's Fund, 2022).
- ❖ The Equality Act 2010 – eliminates discrimination, harassment, and victimisation (SCIE, 2020).
- ❖ Women's Health Strategy 2022 – 10-year plan for improving health and wellness (Department of Health and Social Care, 2022).
- ❖ PHE Strategy 2020 to 2025 - reducing health inequalities, protecting and enhancing overall public health (Public Health England, 2019).
- ❖ Hackney's Equality and Cohesion Policy (Hackney, 2022).

Existing means of communication

- ❖ NHS Race & Health Observatory identifies and tackles ethnic inequalities in healthcare.

(NHSRHO, 2023).

- ❖ NHS BRCA Screening Programme for early detection of cancer genes.

(Jnetics, 2023).

- ❖ Chai Cancer Care, a Jewish community's national cancer support organisation raises cancer awareness.

(Jewish News, 2022).

- ❖ Health and Social Care Forum (HSCF) voluntary community groups in Hackney raising health awareness.

(Hackney CVS, 2022).

Recommendations

- ❖ Implement national and local policies, legislations, and projects focused on successful communication between the Charedi community and the healthcare providers.
- ❖ Creating health focus groups with Charedi Jewish community groups to raise breast cancer awareness.
- ❖ Engaging Jewish healthcare professionals to participate in local community initiatives.
- ❖ Raise awareness during religious gathering and festivities.

Conclusion

Breast cancer is a global health concern affecting all communities regardless of race, age, gender, and religion. Numerous factors can contribute to the increased risk of breast cancer, including the BRCA gene mutation carried by the Charedi Jewish community in Hackney.

It is essential for people of the Charedi Jewish community to have access to information raising breast cancer awareness, BRCA screening, regular breast cancer screening, and healthcare consultations with professionals.

It is imperative for national policies and strategies to be implemented for successful partnership with local communities, organisations and charities.



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