

University of Manchester Q-Step Summer Project 2016

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Organisation Name: University of Manchester/Rochdale Borough Council

Team / Department: Dept of Sociology/Community services

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Provisional title for project: Minorities in a minority: Understanding the experiences of the Kashmiri community in Rochdale

100 word abstract of what the project would probably undertake, and any data to be used:

The project is based on a unique survey of the Kashmiri community living in Rochdale. This is the first of its kind anywhere in the UK. Data will be collected on around 1000 Kashmiris and 500 non-Kashmiris via a CASCI survey administered by volunteers. The project will be based on analysing these data using SPSS. Univariate, bivariate and multivariate analyses will be performed to look at the distribution of various outcomes, such as poor health, and their association with key socio-demographic variables. Ultimately the aim will be to produce a report for the RBC helping them to better understand the experiences and service needs of this under-researched community.

Key words (up to 12):

Survey research; ethnic inequalities; SPSS; Service needs; Health Inequalities

Essential and desirable skills that the student would need to have:

Essential:

- The ability to use SPSS to perform both descriptive analyses and bivariate analyses, e.g. Chi-Square
- The ability to work alone and to take initiative
- To be self-motivated
- Excellent writing skills
- Good communication skills

Desirable:

- The ability to use Excel to create charts and tables
- The ability to perform key literature searches using a variety of databases, i.e. Google Scholar, Web of Science etc

Where the work would be carried out:

The work would be carried out predominately at the University of Manchester as we will hold the data. However the researcher would be expected to attend meetings in Rochdale with the wider policy team

Preferred selection method (interview or other meeting):

Interview

Support and training offered by the organisation:

The researcher will get support in how to manage large datasets in SPSS and how to prepare the data for analyses, including multivariate analyses. They will also get support on how to transfer outputs into Excel to create appropriate graphs and tables.

Any issues of data confidentiality and/or IPR that would need to be resolved:

All the data are anonymised. However, in order to meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act the researcher will not be permitted to take the raw data away from the University. Hence all analyses will have to be performed at UoM.

Supporting information:

N/A

Financial assistance offered by the organisation:

Travel expenses to and from Rochdale for meetings would be covered. However, we are unable to provide any further financial assistance.