

Keeping the information accurate and up-to-date....

Every organisation on the BIVO database has been contacted to check that the details held are correct. All information will be re-checked every 12 months to ensure that it is still accurate and up-to-date.

Steering group....

BIVO was created with advice and assistance from a Steering Group which includes representatives from the voluntary and community sector as well as each PCT and the City Council.

How to get your details put on the BIVO index or amended....

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A new, easy to use database of voluntary, community, health and social care organisations in Birmingham....



How it started....

The four NHS Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) in Birmingham have collaborated with some of the city's larger voluntary organisations to produce an index of voluntary, community, health and social care organisations and groups.

Funding was provided by Eastern Birmingham PCT. The information was compiled by the West Midlands Library Development Unit.

We're part of EQUIP....

The BIVO website has been created as part of EQUIP - Electronic Quality Information for Patients (www.equip.nhs.uk), which is an NHS website for the public in the West Midlands region. On EQUIP you will find links to quality-checked websites and national and local support groups for a wide range of health and social care topics, as well as information in other languages and much more.

This is BIVO....

BIVO is a combination of directories already available in various formats, including:

- **Birmingham Voluntary Services Council (BVSC)**
www.bvsc.org
- **Electronic Quality Information for Patients (EQUIP)**
www.equip.nhs.uk
 - **MIND (mental health charity)**
www.mind.org.uk
 - **Birmingham Carers Association (BCA)**
www.birminghamcarers.org.uk
 - **Birmingham Race Action Partnership (BRAP)**
www.brap.org.uk
 - **Birmingham Partnership for Change (BP4C)**
www.bp4c.co.uk
 - **Disability West Midlands**
www.dwm.org.uk

Searching the database....

There are various ways of searching the BIVO database to find the information you need.

Geographical areas and categories

The organisations have been sorted by geographical area (Primary Care Trust area or Birmingham-wide or West Midlands-wide or national) and have been allocated categories such as counselling, ethnic minorities, meeting facilities, older people, etc.

Keywords

You can also perform a keyword search which looks at the organisation's name and the field which holds details of what services the organisation provides.