

Shelter and support

Future Health & Social Care Association

Future Health & Social Care Association (FHSCA) manages a range of health and social care services and projects. It also supports people into education, training and employment in health and social care.

The enterprise, established in 1996, is one of the fastest growing social enterprises in the UK. It mainly works with black and ethnic minority communities and provides a broad range of services including care accommodation for mental health sufferers, supported homes for ex-offenders and accommodation for asylum seekers. It also operates a fostering and adoption project.

FHSCA delivers the majority of its services in partnership with different bodies. This enables it to tender for larger public health and social care services, increase its workforce and diversify its revenue streams. Partners include:

- **Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health NHS Trust** - FHSCA manages 'The Vicarage' - a respite care home supported by an Early Intervention Service that is part of the Trust.
- **HAMAC Housing Association** - working with the association FHSCA provides a mental health resettlement service in Handsworth for service users who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless or otherwise inappropriately housed, with medium-to-long-term accommodation. Through a partnership with North Birmingham Mental Health NHS Trust and Birmingham Social Services, FHSCA is also able to offer access to 24-hour crisis support to all service users.
- **Birmingham & District African-Caribbean Community Development Agency** - In partnership with the agency FHSCA provides support services to vulnerable, housebound and isolated frail Black and African Caribbean elders in Sparkbrook.



FHSCA also offers a range of New Deal and NVQ training opportunities and has developed the Future Care Employment Agency which was initially a pilot project with Birmingham Specialist Community Health Trust (BSCHT) Learning Disabilities Directorate. The agency, now a successful enterprise, aims to encourage people of black and ethnic minority backgrounds to pursue a career in the Learning Disabilities service, provide greater cultural diversity of staff within the Directorate, and offer local, unemployed people a pathway into permanent jobs with an opportunity to gain a recognised qualification.

For enquiries call 0121 4106080

Facts at a glance

Annual turnover:

£3.4million

Staff:

180 employees

Mission:

To combat poverty by providing a quality housing and support service to those at most risk within its community. It also seeks to play a lead role in community regeneration by developing partnerships to enable access to training and long-term employment.

Achievements:

- 2001 - 3Bs Achiever of the year award
- 2002 - Social entrepreneur of the year (third place)
- 2002 - Windrush Achievement award/public services
- 2002 - Windrush Achievement award/community development
- 2003 - Inner City 100
- 2004 - Inner City 100

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