A one day conference for researchers, policy makers, practitioners and the general public to present and discuss recent advances in research aimed at improving health and well-being, and reducing health inequalities.

Like much of the rest of Europe, Scotland is rapidly becoming more ethnically diverse. In the UK and overseas, there are striking ethnic inequalities in patterns of health and disease and the use of health services. Quantifying and explaining these inequalities is essential so that effective action can be taken and health and social care equitably delivered. Scotland has a growing international reputation for innovative and high quality research in this field.

The Scottish Government is committed to increasing fairness and eliminating discrimination. It recognises that high quality research is needed to understand these complex issues and find out if its policies and services are working. In 2009, it accepted a strategy for future research on ethnicity and health produced by an expert working group.¹

At this conference, you will hear about the great progress made since 2009. This includes major advances in data collection by National Records Scotland and the NHS in Scotland, paving the way for future research. Leading researchers will present their latest findings, using a variety of methods ranging from action research with local communities to analysis of a database covering 4.65 million people. The impact of the research on policy and practice and its relevance to other communities and the population as a whole will be highlighted and the way forward debated.

There is no charge for the conference. As the number of places is strictly limited early registration is advised.

Register online: http://sehrc2012.eventbrite.co.uk
If you have any queries please contact: nhs.healthscotland-ehrconference@nhs.net

¹ Health in our Multi-ethnic Scotland – Future Research Priorities
**Ethnicity and Health Research:**
**Helping to Make a Fairer, Healthier Scotland**
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