

Raising Awareness of Alström Syndrome in the Asian Community



Asian Mentoring Scheme

The Asian mentoring scheme is a new project for families affected by Alström Syndrome. The aim of the project is to work specifically within Asian communities to raise awareness of the condition and to support families to develop a greater understanding of the complex nature of Alström Syndrome.

What is Alström Syndrome?

Alström Syndrome is an extremely rare and progressive genetic condition causing Visual and Hearing impairments, Diabetes, Obesity, Heart Failure and other associated problems. The condition is difficult to diagnose but once a diagnosis has been made we can provide access to specialist multi-disciplinary clinics in Birmingham. As a charity we offer support to all individuals and families living with this condition and to the professionals working with them.



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What is involved?

We will provide training to young people and adults diagnosed with the condition and to their parents and carers on all of the individual conditions associated with Alström Syndrome. We will provide access to Genetics Services for the whole family - having a genetic condition has wider implications for each family member. We aim to provide all of the information needed to enable people to make informed choices about future pregnancies.

We liaise with health; education and social care to ensure the needs of our families are being met and assist people to apply for any benefits and grants they may be entitled to. Our charity runs a 24 hour helpline should any support or advice be needed.

Further information

If you would like further information about the project then please contact **Kerry Leeson-Beevers**, Project Manager on **01709 210151 / 07716 135940** or email **Kerry.leeson@alstrom.org.uk**

If you would like to speak to someone in **Urdu** or **Punjabi** then please contact **Iram Shah**, Project Assistant on **07988 237664** or email **iram.shah@alstrom.org.uk**

We look forward to hearing from you.

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