What is an ethnic group?

Everyone belongs to an ethnic group. Ethnic group is how you see yourself and is a mixture of culture, religion, skin colour, language and the origin of your family.

Why collect ethnic data?

- We want everyone, no matter what their ethnic group, to be able to use our services easily.
- It will help us to understand your individual needs.
- It will help us to respond to your needs to provide better services.

Ethnic Monitoring

What is ethnic monitoring?

Ethnic monitoring means that certain Health and Social Care Services will record the ethnic group of all its service users/patients.

What will be asked?

You may be asked 2 questions:

1. **What is your Country of birth?**
   E.g. Northern Ireland / Poland / Romania
2. **What is your ethnic group?**
   E.g. Chinese / Irish Traveller / Mixed Ethnic Group

Data Protection – The data collected will be used alongside other service users/patient information to identify overall needs and to help us plan our services. All personal details will be covered by the Data Protection Act 1998 and kept strictly confidential.