

# Getting it right

## Assessments for black and minority ethnic carers and service users

### Supplementary written material for Mr and Mrs Choy — part two

Mr and Mrs Choy have been referred to a minority ethnic carers centre. The Chinese carers support officer has visited the couple on several occasions to assist them in identifying the type of help and support they would like. She has also spoken with their son both to reassure him and to keep him informed of progress. The worker is able to establish a very trusting relationship with Mr and Mrs Choy and Mr Choy has requested that she act as an advocate on his behalf. With the agreement of Mr Choy, the worker contacts the local social work centre to request a carers' assessment on his behalf. The worker also arranges a community care assessment for Mrs Choy.

Mr Choy also confides that his wife has been diagnosed as suffering from dementia although he does not fully understand what this means and what the prognosis is likely to be. He explains that he did not like to ask any questions as he did not want to appear 'foolish' in front of the doctor. He does not recall whether he was offered any information or a referral to any other support services when the diagnosis was given.