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**\*\*\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\*\*\***

### **CAREIF Co- Founder and Director, Professor Kam Bhui named new Editor of the British Journal of Psychiatry**

The Centre for Applied Research and Evaluation – International Foundation – Careif – is pleased to announce that it's Co-Founder and Director Professor Kam Bhui has been appointed Editor of the British Journal of Psychiatry (BJP) – one of the world's most respected medical journals.

Professor Kam Bhui is Professor of Cultural Psychiatry and Epidemiology at the Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine, Queen Mary University of London, a Consultant Psychiatrist with East London NHS Foundation Trust and President of the World Association of Cultural Psychiatry.

His research is across a wide repertoire of health conditions that includes studies on unexplained medical complaints, mental illness, suicide, Mental Health Act detentions, ethnic inequalities of pathways to care, racism, discrimination, violence and Public Mental Health. His focus is on how the best quality care, safety and access to treatment can be achieved in services, and how to encourage resilience and wellbeing in the population. His clinical work is across some of the most deprived areas in the UK. His current post involves assessment and treatment of people with complex personality disorders alongside other psychiatric and social problems.

**“I am delighted and privileged to be editor of BJP.” says Professor Bhui. “It is one of the leading scientific journals for publishing research on psychiatric disorders, psychiatric illness, mental health and wellbeing. The journal publishes cutting edge research on innovative and new treatments and mental health care organisations in general.” “I feel a great responsibility to search out the best science that offers the most hope and positive recovery outcomes. At the same time the field of care for mental illness is rapidly changing with more being done in primary care and the community, and the influence of policy and global movements to protect dignity and rights are also having an impact.”**

Fellow careif Co-Founder and Director Albert Persaud said “Kam is acclaimed as one of the world leaders in the field of Cultural Psychiatry. He encapsulates all aspect of culture, humanities and arts into mental health, research and practice which has now began to radically transform mental health thinking around body and mind. He will add this significant reservoir of knowledge and expertise to this role to improve mental health understanding”

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Under Professor Bhui's leadership, the BJP will focus on publishing cutting edge papers that promise changes to practice and policy, and new research leading to better treatment outcomes

The British Journal of Psychiatry is one of the world's leading psychiatric journals and is essential reading for psychiatrists, clinical psychologists and all professionals with an interest in mental health.

## **Background Notes for editors & press**

The Centre For Applied Research and Evaluation-International Foundation (careif)

Careif is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (registered number 1121374) and a company limited by guarantee registered at Companies House (registered number: 06231733). Careif is an international charity based at the Barts & The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine, London, England (QMUL). Careif has a number of relationships and interests in the UK, Asia, Middle- East, Europe, Africa, New Zealand, the Americas and the Caribbean. We work to preserve and protect good mental health ([www.careif.org](http://www.careif.org))

The main aim of Careif is to share knowledge about mental health in order to improve people's wellbeing. This includes how to live healthily and ensure that working practices and services are suited to different cultures and societies across the world. It delivers its work through four distinctive building blocks, which are:

- High quality learning and teaching locally, nationally and internationally
- Research, evaluation and practice development into culture and wellbeing
- Provide international volunteering, exchange and twinning schemes
- Promote and develop positive practice on sports, young people and wellbeing of individuals and communities.

Careif gathers support from a number of like-minded people and organisations throughout the world. Organisations of culture and mind are represented at all levels within the charity by leaders in humanities, fairness, justice and reconciliation (see [careif.org](http://careif.org)).

Over the years, Careif has focused on work that its trustees can have greatest impact on, establishing better access to education and qualifications in transcultural psychiatry; sharing knowledge on wellbeing through, research and a series of high-impact events; and fostering strategic links, nationally and internationally, with like-minded organisations, especially those working with young people.

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