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## **LPT Celebrating Diversity at Cosmopolitan Carnival**

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) is pleased to announce that they will be participating in the Leicester City Cosmopolitan Carnival to celebrate diversity in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

The event is being held for the first time in Leicester city centre and will showcase the city's vibrant cultural mix and promote cultural understanding.

The Trust is aware of the difficulties faced by people from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) backgrounds when accessing its health services, and also acknowledges the barriers that can exist for members of other communities such as LGB&T.

The carnival is an excellent opportunity for LPT to promote its services and gain feedback of how it can further develop positive links with the diverse communities it serves.

Peter Miller, LPT Chief Executive said "We recognise the rich diversity that exists within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and we want to ensure that as part of this great day, we demonstrate our willingness to continually engage with our community, promote our health services and develop them to ensure they meet local needs."

Sir Peter Soulsby, Lord Mayor will open proceedings with a formal address on the benefits and challenges of cultural diversity followed by the symbolic release of multi-coloured balloons to start the event.

There will be a range of music festivities taking place catering for different cultures and tastes. The line-up will include: By The Rivers, one of Leicester's most well-known bands, James Byron from the Voice in an exciting collaboration with Asian instrumentalists Speaking Hands, national award-winning rapper Curtis Clacey and The Orator will bring cool urban sounds, to name just a few of the major events on the day.

The event takes place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2014 from 2pm - 9pm.

For further information visit [www.visitleicester.info/](http://www.visitleicester.info/)

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### **Note to editors**

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £267 million and employs approximately 5,400 staff. For more information visit [www.leicspart.nhs.uk](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk)

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