## One Manchester and the Caribbean & African Health Network join forces to create healthy communities

Housing provider One Manchester, and the Caribbean & African Health Network (CAHN), a community health organisation, have entered a strategic partnership to improve services and reduce inequalities within the Caribbean and African Community.

Working specifically with Caribbean and African communities, CAHN and One Manchester will work together to provide targeted advice and guidance on aspects of health and social care, and to promote opportunities around employment, training, and apprenticeships.

One Manchester is dedicated to understanding the specific needs of their customers and providing a service that will help communities to thrive. By entering this strategic partnership, the housing provider can ensure its customers have access to the right support, advice, and guidance on specific health issues, while supporting a much loved and well attended Greater Manchester service.

By working in a mutually beneficial manner, the partnership aims to promote the best interests of both organisations, through sharing relevant information and opportunities that are of value to each organisations' customers, with a particular focus on young people.

Specifically, this strategic partnership aims to provide targeted and culturally appropriate support to One Manchester's Caribbean and African customers and colleagues. As part of this, CAHN will help shape One Manchester's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion objectives and commitments.

Through this partnership, One Manchester strives to support CAHN in their mission to achieve systematic change, and to address the big challenges faced in overturning the health disparities for Caribbean and African people.

**Nic Kershaw, Chief Executive of One Manchester, commented:** "We're so pleased to have partnered with CAHN. They are such a respected organisation, with strong links across our communities, and a total commitment to improving the lives of the people of Greater Manchester.

"This partnership stands out from others because we've agreed specific outcomes and so we'll be able to measure the success of our work together and learn from the results."

**Charles Kwaku-Odoi, Chief officer of CAHN, said:** "Our partnership with One Manchester means closer working with one of Manchester's anchor institutions to facilitate better outcomes and access to opportunities for the wider Caribbean & African community.

"CAHN is delighted with One Manchester's support as we seek to build sustainability in our vision to eradicate health inequalities within a generation."