

**Useful References for enquirers concerning
Gypsy, Traveller and Roma Health**
compiled by Patrice Van Cleemput

This selection of useful references was compiled in response to numerous enquiries. **It is not meant to be an exhaustive list, and it should not be used in place of an up to date literature search.**

Some of the references may well be very difficult to acquire without an Inter Library loan request to the British Library.

Could I add a couple of pleas, on behalf of Roma, Gypsy and Traveller people, to consider before embarking on any attempts to 'research Roma, Gypsies and Travellers in person':

1. Please consider whether the research is going to have any benefit to those that you seek to interview. Most Gypsy & Travellers are understandably fed up with 'being used' for research and seeing no benefits to them as a result. The best approach is to liaise with Gypsy & Travellers local to yourselves and those working with them, to find out if they have any areas of research that they feel is useful to them, and work with them.
2. Please use a capital G and T when writing Gypsies and Travellers, as they are a recognised ethnic group and should be afforded this respect.

Finally to find out about local communities you can try approaching local health trusts (see Community Nursing handbook where all specialist workers are listed) and /or local Traveller education teams (enquire through your local authority). But please also bear in mind that specialist workers also get inundated with request from students and have very busy workloads.

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The themed section concludes with useful resources – so I won't duplicate them

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