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She is an advocate for improving the physical and mental well-being of women and children. She has over many years played a leading role in many national campaigns on health promotion issues, for equal access to services for marginalised communities and improved pregnancy outcomes for Black women; advocating through publications, dialogue collaboration and campaigning, for services for women with pregnancy related mental illness, safeguarding children from abuse and exploitation. Janet works with others on people trafficking, with an emphasis on providing services for women and girls who have been trafficked into UK.

She is a founding member of the Maternal Mental Health Alliance, which was set up to lobby government to fund services for women with pregnancy related mental health problems and campaigns to put mental health problems on the same footing as physical ill health.

She campaigns significantly on ending violence and abuse against women and girls (domestic abuse, child marriage, forced marriage, modern slavery and FGM. Her collaborative work includes the development and publication of the Intercollegiate Recommendations for Identifying Recording and Reporting FGM, which was a catalyst for change and changes to the law on how we view Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and protect girls at risk in the UK. Janet has also co-scripted and produced 3 animated films in collaboration with partners, on the health and Psychological consequences of FGM and a further 2 aimed at men in practising communities. These are translated into 4 languages.

Janet has chaired and continues to be a member of the Mary Seacole Steering Committee, which offers scholarship in the name of the Pioneer Nurse – Mary Seacole - to people who work in the UK National Health Service to enable them to undertake specific projects that impact positively on the health & well-being of patients from BAME communities and in the process develop their own leadership skills.

Janet has written guidance and other publications on a number of issues, as well as press and magazine articles on health related issues.