

## Hilary Patricia Brown



Hilary was the first black woman in the UK in the early 1990's to become manager of more than one Citizen Advice Bureaux when she was appointed manager of Butetown and Grangetown CAB's in 1993. Both were located in the most culturally diverse areas in Wales.

Hilary organised the first women's only waiting room in the CAB Service. She also became the Vice Chair of the National CAB Black Workers Group, Chair of CAB Black Women's Group and Chair of the National Assembly Against Racism. Hilary was also one of the two founding members of the National Black Youth Forum in Wales, which saw young black people being mentored by Hilary to become positive Black Roles models.

As the manager of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Butetown, Hilary advised families of two young men who were chased, surrounded by a gang of racists and beaten within an inch of their life in 1997 in Cardiff. Her work and support of the families led to South Wales Police (SWP) to improve their procedures in identifying and addressing its failings to victims of race hate crime.

As a direct result of the work that Hilary did with the criminal justice system in Wales, SWP introduced the UK's first ever pioneering system to better assist victims of race and other hate crimes.

Hilary was invited by the Lord Chancellor's department to discuss how to improve confidence in the criminal justice system. She has worked with a number of Whitehall ministerial task forces as well as task forces for SWP, the Crown Prosecution Service and the MOD (Ministry of Defence) looking specifically at those agencies and assisting them to improve their services to BAME (Black Asian and Minority Ethnic) people.

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