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Meeting the Needs of Muslim Women:
A Directory of Mosques in
England



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THE IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN IN ISLAM
AND ATTENDANCE AT MOSQUES

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا
زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً ۚ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ
بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

O People! Be mindful of your Lord, who created you from one soul, and from that soul He created its partner and from these two He spread many men and women. Fear Allah in whose name you demand mutual rights from one another and respect the wombs that nurtured you. Verily, Allah is forever watchful over your actions.

(An-Nisaa 'The Women' Ch.4 - V.1)

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِّن ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ
لِتَعَارَفُوا ۗ إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِندَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

O People! Verily, We created you from a male and a female and made you into nations and clans so that you may get to know each other. Indeed, the most honoured from you in God's sight is the one most mindful amongst you. Verily, God is All-Knowing, All-Aware.

(Al-Hujuraat 'The Apartments' Ch.49 – V.13)

مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيَاةً طَيِّبَةً
وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

*Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while a believer, We will surely make theirs a good life
and grant them the best of rewards for their deeds.*

(An-Nahl 'The Bee' Ch.16 - V.97)

فَاسْتَجَابَ لَهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ أَنِّي لَا أُضِيعُ عَمَلَ عَامِلٍ مِّنْكُمْ مِّمَّنْ ذَكَرَ أَوْ
أَنْتِي ۖ بَعْضُكُمْ مِّنْ بَعْضٍ ۖ فَالَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا وَأُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ
وَأُودُوا فِي سَبِيلِي وَقَاتَلُوا وَقُتِلُوا لَأُكَفِّرَنَّ عَنْهُمْ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ وَلَأُدْخِلَنَّهُمْ
جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ثَوَابًا مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَاللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ حُسْنُ
الثَّوَابِ

*Thus their Lord responded to their supplications –
Never will I allow the effort of anyone you to be wasted, male or female. You are from each other. So those who fled
or were driven out from their homes or were persecuted in My cause and fought or were killed – I will certainly
erase their misdeeds and admit them to gardens beneath which rivers flow - as a reward from Allah. And Allah has
with Him the most beautiful of rewards.*

(Aali-Imraan 'The Family of Imraan' Ch3 – V.195)

إِنَّ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
وَالْقَانِتِينَ وَالْقَانِتَاتِ وَالصَّادِقِينَ وَالصَّادِقَاتِ وَالصَّابِرِينَ وَالصَّابِرَاتِ
وَالْخَاشِعِينَ وَالْخَاشِعَاتِ وَالْمُتَصَدِّقِينَ وَالْمُتَصَدِّقَاتِ وَالصَّائِمِينَ
وَالصَّائِمَاتِ وَالْحَافِظِينَ فُرُوجَهُمْ وَالْحَافِظَاتِ وَالذَّاكِرِينَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا
وَالذَّاكِرَاتِ أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا

Indeed men and women who submit to God, and men and women who believe, and men and women who are obedient, and men and women who are truthful, and men and women who are steadfastly patient and men and women who are worshipfully humble, and men and women who generously donate, and men and women who fast, and men and women who safeguard their chastity and men and women who remember Allah often – Allah has prepared for them forgiveness and a magnificent reward.

(Al-Ahzaab 'The Combined forces' Ch.33 – V.35)

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَحْرِمُوا طَيِّبَاتِ مَا أَحَلَّ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا
يُحِبُّ الْمُعْتَدِينَ

O you who believe, do not declare unlawful the good things that Allah made lawful for you, and do not exceed the limits. Verily Allah does not love those that transgress.

(Al-Maaidah ' The Table Spread' Ch.5 – V.87)

Sayings of the Holy Prophet (pbuh)

“ When the wife of one of you asks about going to the mosque, do not stop her “
(Excerpt from Bukhari Vol.1 – p120 & Muslim Vol.1 –p183)

“ Do not prevent Allah’s maid-servants from going to Allah’s mosques ”
(Excerpt from Musnad Ahmad Vol. 5 p192 &
Sunan Ibn Katheer Vol. 4 p541)

“Do not prevent women from going to mosques”
(Excerpt from Abu Dawood Vol. 1 – p84)

“ Do not deprive women of their share of the mosques ”
(Excerpt from Mishkaat p97)



Foreword

The Developing Diversity programme was initiated to show examples of good practice in relation to the involvement of women in mosques. It considered 5 specific areas that interviewees in 8 focus groups across the country agreed as important. Over 100 Muslim women took part in the focus group interviews in towns and cities that included London, Birmingham, Coventry, Derby, Manchester and Bradford.



This booklet highlights mosques that meet 4 or 5 (out of 5) criteria or standards that women wanted to see in mosques. The mosques are all based in England and this resource is intended to be a guide for other mosques who want to develop more inclusive and accessible services for all their visitors. This booklet therefore provides contact information for 100 individual mosques and a summary of their good practice.

We also hope that this booklet serves as a driver for more work to be undertaken in this arena around Muslim women and their engagement and involvement with mosques.

Finally, let us not forget that at the root of Islamic history is the fact that women have played a key role in Islamic development. For example, the comfort, counsel and advice that Khadijah (may Allah be pleased with her) provided to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), helped the Prophet to overcome turbulent times. That counsel and comfort meant that a woman was a part of the support that led to the transmission of Islam through the Prophet (pbuh) and which over 1400 years has reached out to over 1.8 billion followers.

We therefore hope that this booklet will act as a useful resource for the enquiring mind and a reference point to help develop good practice in mosques for key stakeholders such as Muslim women.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fiyaz Mughal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Fiyaz Mughal OBE FCMJ
Founder and Director of Faith Matters

Executive Summary

The 8 focus groups across England included Muslim women from Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Somali and Turkish speaking communities. The 5 key areas that women wanted to see within mosques included:

- A separate prayer space for women,
- Services and activities geared towards women (i.e. childcare and or women's training or mentoring sessions),
- An Imam accessible to women (or a female scholar),
- The inclusion of women in decision making,
- Women holding office on the mosque committees

This booklet is a directory of the 100 leading mosques from the 486 mosques that were contacted throughout this project. They are a combination of mosques that meet 4 or 5 of the criteria listed above. Initial telephone contact was made with the mosques and letters in English, Arabic and Urdu were sent to them explaining the purpose of the project and the objectives and outcomes that we hoped to achieve. Added to this, face to face verification work of the telephony findings took place to ensure a rigorous approach in the validation process.

The Mosques and Imams National Advisory Board's (MINAB's) consultation with Muslim communities in 2007/2008 confirmed that access to women is a priority area in the context of the overall development of mosques and Muslim organisations. The 100 mosques in this booklet were found to be leaders in this specific area of interest.

At the same time, it should be noted that there are many mosques around the country that more generally provide good quality services and facilities. Further information on the different types of services offered by British mosques can be found in the Charity Commission's Survey of Mosques (2009).

This booklet should be seen as the start of the process to broaden and deepen the engagement of Muslim women in British mosques. We believe that this work provides a platform upon which future work can be built and the directory should not be seen as a discrete piece of work that is now complete. This booklet highlights the activities of those mosques that deserve praise for the work they are doing and it encourages others to follow the examples they have set.

Statement from the Muslim Women’s Advisory Group



This project must be hailed as a welcome and useful exercise for the whole of the Muslim community in the UK. However, this exercise takes this process further in that it is the first of its kind to focus on the needs of women and their access to and participation in the governance and day to day functioning of the Mosque, while highlighting best practice in this endeavour through the application of a star rating.

Secure and safe spaces for the performance of prayer for women, as well as platforms for discussion and support which will naturally impact on the whole of the community, are long overdue and will be warmly welcomed by women; they have been struggling to deliver on these much sought after requirements for several decades.

We hope that his groundbreaking piece of research will encourage visionaries, both men and women, to step forward and together address the genuine needs of the whole of the Muslim community and address them with the vision and vigour that is truly part of our British Islamic identity.

**Batool Al-Toma,
Director – The New Muslims Project,
Member of the National Muslim Women’s Advisory Group (Supported by the Department for Communities and Local Government)**

Statement from Dr Tayyiba Rehman



Muslim women have long played a vital role in Islam; whether we look at early Islamic history when the ‘mother of Believers’, (Hadhrat Aisha), was both a scholar of the Hadith and also regarded as a point of reference for the Companions and Successors, or whether we observe how Muslim women have entered into every sphere of society today.

The role that Muslim women play in all aspects of society has huge dividends for the Muslim community. They have the ability and the commitment to participate in the activities of every organisation including the masjid where they have contributed towards the creation and development of a dynamic and community-focused place of worship.

Alhamdulillah, many masjids have realised this potential and have opened their doors to Muslim sisters. By highlighting the good practice of catering for women’s needs including the provision of facilities and services within masjids, this directory has been a significant achievement. It shows that the engagement and participation of women strengthens the foundations of the masjid and indeed of the wider community.

Through this publication and the work of Faith Matters on this directory, I hope that MINAB can inspire and inform other masjids to enhance the role of women so that they too will soon be included in this directory in the future.

**Dr Tayyiba Rehman,
Chair of the Women’s Committee, Mosques and Imams National Advisory Board
(MINAB)**

The Role of Mosques – ‘Masaajid’

The Mosque (‘Masjid’ singular – ‘Masaajid’ plural) is one of the most important institutions in the Islamic community and it plays a key role in the everyday lives of Muslims.

Mosques have always been seen as places at the heart of communities and increasingly they are also being seen as hubs of social activity, providing social support programmes like training and personal development. Other services that some mosques provide include language support, sports and community activities, women and toddler group facilities and better parenting classes.

This development in the role of mosques also means that they are places which are reaching out to other communities who may want to benefit from these services and this also helps in developing better understanding and social cohesion within and between communities.

One of the very first practices of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was to establish a mosque when he migrated from Makkah to Madinah. The mosque was primarily seen as a place where the faithful could congregate and pray and where a sense of community could be nurtured and strengthened.

Throughout history, mosques have also met a host of communal needs ranging from being a base for imparting learning to the administration of justice; from celebrating marriages to responding to disasters; from providing space for individual spiritual retreat to being a conduit for public announcements and being a welcoming venue for ordinary men, women and children eager to learn about Islam and Muslims.

It is a fact that well run mosques are best placed to serve their local communities. The agenda to improve standards of leadership and governance in mosques is all the more crucial at this time of economic uncertainty and concerns about social mobility.

Britain is facing its biggest economic challenges for a generation and mosques can play active roles in supporting and informing communities, developing strong civil society engagement and in reaching out to other communities in local areas. This is apart from the theological and spiritual support services that they provide.

Better service provision to both men and women is therefore the only way ahead to strengthen and support local communities. Mosques and other faith institutions are no different to other service providers and highlighting good practice and encouraging other institutions to follow suit is one way to ensure that everyone feels valued when they engage with faith institutions like mosques.

DIRECTORY DETAILS FOR 5 STAR AND 4 STAR MOSQUES

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Faizan-e-Madina
169-175 Gladstone Street
Peterborough
PE1 2BN

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 Fax: N/A
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 Web: www.faizanemadina.org

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 150 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Activities for young girls - exercise, health and educational classes
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to anyone seeking advice on day to day and specialised matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub-committees that have been set up
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There is currently a representative for issues affecting women in the mosque and she liaises with the Executive Committee and feeds back to female service users; there are 9 members on the Executive Committee

Services:

- A separate floor for women has been constructed which can take up to 150 female worshippers
- A separate block for a nursery and a crèche
- Female teachers and Mualima for young girls and female worshippers

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 300 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Educational, sports, social and language classes are provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to anyone seeking advice on day to day and specialised matters. There are also suitably qualified female tutors who can assist in relation to theological issues
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	The mosque actively includes women in decisions that impact on them and which are relevant to service users. There are regular sessions to consult with them
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	Women have their own sub-committee which feeds into the main Executive Committee. Good practice is shared with the Women's sub-committee and there is a female Link Person between the two committees. There are 14 members of the Executive Committee of the mosque

Services:

- Social activities and classes for women include: Islamic education, stitching, cooking and keep fit.
- There is an arrangement of a visiting scholar who comes once a month to run ' Question and Answer' sessions for women. This provides direct theological input and discussion
- Madrassah services are provided once a week on Saturdays. They have 160 students enrolled studying Islamic studies at a GCSE level.

Denomination of mosque and users: Shia

Islamic Centre Nottingham
3 Curzon Street
St Anns
Nottingham NG3 1DG

Tel: 0115 950 9965

Fax: N/A

Email: info@islamiccentrenottingham.org

Web: www.islamiccentrenottingham.org

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 500 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Islamic Law classes for women and monthly debate and Naat sessions
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam/qualified females on theological issues are available as reference points to service users
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in decision making at various levels, as well as volunteering. There are up to 21 women on the Women's sub-committee.
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 2 women on the Executive Committee. One has the role of Secretary to the Executive Committee

Services:

- Islamic educational services (Tajweed, Tafseer and Fiqh)
- Counselling services
- Funeral and Nikkah (marriage) services
- A crèche facility is available

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Islamic and Community Centre
Conduit Street
Leicester
LE2 0JN

Tel: 0116 254 4459
 Fax: 0116 254 4459
 Email: info@islamiccentre.org
 Web: www.islamiccentre.org

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 200 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Study circles, interpreting services for non-English speakers and signposting services to community and statutory services are provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam/qualified females on theological issues are available as reference points to service users
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	There is a female 'Link Person' who liaises with the Executive Committee on issues that female services users raise
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	The finance and book-keeping elements of the mosque are serviced by women volunteers and they feedback to the main Executive Committee. The Committee is also reported to by the Link Person

Services:

- Madrassah services
- Quranic and Tajweed classes
- Islamic Deeniyat, Islamic History, Salaah and Arabic classes

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Karimia Institute
512-514 Berridge Road
Bobbers mill
Nottingham NG7 5JU

Tel: 0115 841 5807
 Fax: 0115 841 5806
 Email: info@karimia.com
 Web: www.karimia.com

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 200 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	An annual family fun run, local radio station, nursery for children and sports centre for young people
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam/qualified females on theological issues are available as reference points to service users
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	There is a separate Women's Sub-committee which meets and which reviews issues relevant to female service users of the mosque. There are 6 women on the sub-committee
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	The sub-committee feeds into the Executive Committee of the mosque

Services:

- Radio broadcast services for the local Muslim community
- Two nurseries for young children (Zaytuna & Fig Tree)
- Two Mosques (Karimia Masjid & Al Shifa)
- Local youth work and regular inter-faith work
- National youth leadership training program and Hifz classes
- Daily Quranic school with more than 300 children
- Adult Islamic studies, Arabic studies and Urdu classes
- Various publications including marriage guidance, Hajj (pilgrimage) and Ramadan (religious events)
- Girls club every week for girls aged 8 – 15 (sports, creative arts, cooking)
- 2 football teams (under 9s and under 11s) and access to a sports hall for football and cricket

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Al-Madina
2 Victoria Road,
Iford lane
Barking IG11 8PY

Tel: 0208 478 8526
 Fax: N/A
 Email: N/A
 Website: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 200-300 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Work in partnership with local government on giving advice to mothers on childcare facilities and opportunities that may be available
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Women have access to an Imam for advice
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are included when making decisions at operational and strategic levels
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There is an office which provides administration for the women's section of the mosque. There are 20 members on the Women's Sub-committee which feeds into the Executive Committee of the mosque

Services:

- A separate prayer, study and wash (Wudhu) facilities for men and women
- Yoga classes for men and women are held; they take place separately
- Toddler group sessions are provided
- There are educational programmes and 'Question and Answer' sessions for new Muslims or converts to Islam who are women. These take place on Saturdays
- A crèche facility is available for service users

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Al Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre
224 Acklam Road
London
W10 5YG

Tel: 0208 964 1496
 Fax: 0208 968 2928
 Email: info@mchc.org.uk
 Web: www.mchc.org.uk

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 200 female worshippers + education & training
Services & activities for women	✓	Social services, day trips are available for women in the centre
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible and there are also women who act as a 'Link Person' between women beneficiaries and the Imam
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved as staff and volunteers
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	Women are actively involved as staff and volunteers. There are two serving female trustees; more female trustees are being recruited

Services:

- IT and ESOL classes
- Sign posting and referral services
- Well Being Health Project
- Diversity Awareness Programmes look at equality issues
- Nursery
- NVQ training
- Social services; day trips are available for women who are beneficiaries of the Centre

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 200 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Seasonal bazaars, fun-days for women and children are held and an employment advice service is also provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	An imam is always accessible and there are female religious scholars who are available to forward any questions to the Imam if need be
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	There is 1 permanent female member of the Executive Committee and there is input from women beneficiaries through this Committee member
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	The Executive Committee member works in the role of Treasurer for the mosque

Services:

- Separate prayer, study and wash (Wudhu) areas for men and women
- Yoga classes for men and women are available though they are run separately
- Educational programmes and 'Question and Answer' sessions for new Muslim women or converts are held on a Saturday

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Bait-Ul-Aziz Islamic Cultural Centre
1 Dickens Square
Elephant & Castle
London SE1 4JL

Tel: 0207 378 7764
 Fax: N/A
 Email: N/A
 Website: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 100 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Sports, cooking and educational sessions are provided. Health related workshops for women are also provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam/qualified female staff are available for service users
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	There is a direct input into decision making by women on issues that may impact on them in the mosque. They have also been involved previously in capital works and the refurbishment of the mosque which took place
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 12 female members of the Executive Committee

Services:

- Arabic Classes
- A women's circle for networking and getting to know each other
- Various Islamic lectures and educational opportunities are provided

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Basildon Islamic Centre
36 Gordons
Basildon
SS13 3DZ

Tel: 01268 554 234
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 Email: basmuslim@aol.com
 Website: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 100 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Language classes, keep fit and study circles are provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Women have access to an Imam if they require religious advice and support
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Direct decision making opportunities are available and this historically has been the case on issues that may specifically affect women
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 6-8 members of the Executive Committee which include a female Treasurer

Services:

- Separate prayer, study and wash (Wudhu) areas for men and women
- Keep fit classes for men and women are held on a separate basis
- Educational and 'Question and Answer' sessions for new Muslims or converts to Islam take place on Saturdays.
- A crèche facility is available for the service users

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Central Mosque Trust and Islamic Cultural Centre
146 Park Road
London
NW8 7RG

Tel: 0207 724 3363
 Fax: 0207 724 0493
 Email: info@iccuk.org
 Web: www.iccuk.org

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 200 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Marriage / divorce services, immigration advice and a Health and Muslim traders guides are available
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	A multilingual Imam is available and qualified females are available for advice giving
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Regular feedback from women at operational and strategic levels takes place. There are 12 members on the Women's sub-committee
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	Representation on the Executive Committee is made directly from a Link Person to the Women's sub-committee

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling to women
- Function hall

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Croydon Mosque
525 London Road
Thornton Heath
Surrey CR7 6AR

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 Email: enquiries@croydonmosque.com
 Web: www.croydonmosque.com

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 200 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Classes for senior citizens, free legal advice around domestic violence
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	The Imam and women scholars are accessible to seek advice from
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women feed in at both operational and strategic levels and there is regular input. There are 8-10 members on the Women's sub-committee
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There is representation from the Women's sub-committee onto the main Executive Committee

Services:

- Classes for senior citizens on Islam
- Madrassah classes
- Dars E Quran sessions in Urdu

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

East London Mosque
46-92 Whitechapel Road
London
E1 1JX

Tel: 0207 650 3000
 Fax: 0207 650 3002
 Email: info@eastlondonmosque.org.uk
 Website: www.eastlondonmosque.org.uk

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 400 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Parenting, self-defense, general advocacy, stress therapy and religious educational classes are provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam and women scholars are accessible to beneficiaries
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	There are women volunteers, staff members and advisors and the mosque involves women at various levels within the Organisation. The East London mosque is currently developing a wing for women worshippers. Women are directly involved in the planning of this major development
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 2 women on the Executive Committee

Services:

- Religious counselling and advice
- Marriage solemnisation
- Gym facilities
- Volunteer programme
- Religious classes for women and girls
- ELM Women's Link - A project improving the quality of life for women and their families

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Edmonton Islamic Centre
20-34 Raynham Road
Edmonton
London N18 2JJ

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 Fax: N/A
 Email: eicalmasjid@yahoo.co.uk
 Web: www.eicalmasjid.com

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 250 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Islamic educational study circles, women's fitness sessions and healthy eating sessions
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam and qualified women scholars are accessible to the female service users
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	There are women volunteers and paid staff within the mosque. There are 4 women members on the Women's Sub-committee
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are standing items on the Executive Committee for issues that may be affecting women beneficiaries. Women also feed into the Executive Committee

Services:

- Study circles in English, Urdu, Somalian and Turkish
- Quranic and Tajweed Classes
- Fiqh and General Dawah classes

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Fatih Mosque
10 Caxton Road
Wood Green
London N22 6TB

Tel: 0208 352 1435
 Fax: 0208 352 1435
 Email: N/A
 Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 100 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Political figures are invited to attend faith related meetings and the mosque engages with them to strongly promote civil engagement for mainly Turkish attendees at the mosque
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Women can access the Imam's wife who is a teacher and religious scholar
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are able to feed into operational meetings on the running of the mosque
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There is a female representative who liaises with the Executive Committee on issues relating to female service users. The Executive Committee has set aside a specific number of places for women on the Committee and is looking to expand on these numbers in the future

Services:

- Islamic Classes
- Arabic Language Classes
- Homework and Study Circles for young people

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Harrow Central Mosque and Islamic Centre
36-38 Station Road
Harrow
London HA1 2SQ

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 Fax: 0845 166 5187
 Email: info@harrowmosque.org.uk
 Web: www.harrowmosque.org.uk

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 200 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	IT facilities, ESOL, support for New Muslims and fitness classes
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	An Imam and female co-ordinators are available for female service users
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and in programme co-ordinating a variety of programmes.
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 7 women on the Executive Committee

Services:

- IT and Study circles
- Advice & Support on housing issues and welfare rights
- Fitness sessions are provided

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Idara Minhaj-UI-Quran
292-296 Romford Road,
Forest Gate
London E7 9HD

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 Email: idara@btclick.com
 Website: www.minhajuk.org

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 150 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Advice and information is provided to women. There are signposting services that direct women beneficiaries where they may access services in different languages
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Women beneficiaries have access to an Imam to seek advice on everyday issues
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	There are volunteers, paid staff and women members of the Executive Committee. Women are actively involved in social programmes and regularly feed into the Executive Committee.
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 12 women on the Executive Committee

Services:

- Emotional, mental health and couple counselling are provided.
- Provide help & advice on domestic violence and forced marriages
- Advice and information on legal rights affecting women are provided
- Childcare facilities are provided to women beneficiaries

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 500 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Islamic Education (Qura'n lessons, Tafseer, Fiqh, Akhlaq); Sports (keep fit, aerobics, yoga); English classes) nursery/crèche/mother and toddler group; capacity building training and counselling.
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Multi-lingual Imam and qualified females on theological issues are available to service users. Chaplaincy services for women in prisons and hospitals are also available.
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in decision making at various levels, as well as volunteering. Women have their sub-committee which cooperates with the trustees.
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 2 women on the Executive Committee

Services:

- Women's health promotion programs, health conferences, self defence and other sports activities.
- Youth activities: seminars, workshops and conferences
- Capacity Building i.e. English classes, teacher training , leadership training
- Provide work experience for young women
- Saturday School services.

Denomination of mosque and users: Shia

Islamic Centre Of England
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London
W9 1QB

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 Email: ic-el@ic-el.com
 Website: www.ic-el.com

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 400 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Support is provided to women who are New Muslims or who convert to Islam. Advice and information on matrimonial issues are also provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam/female scholars are accessible to all female users
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	There is a Women's Committee that co-ordinates activities with the Executive Committee
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There is feedback into the Executive Committee and there is regular representation. There is a 'standing' position for women representatives from the Women's Committee to scrutinise and advise the main Executive Committee

Services:

- Provision of information, advice and support to families
- A religious enquiry section to provide support on religious theological matters is provided
- A digital library is available

Denomination of mosque and users: Shia

Islamic Universal Association
20 Penzance Place
Holland Park
London W11 4PG

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 Fax: 0207 603 0525
 Email: info@majma.org
 Website: www.majma.org

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 300 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Study circles, provision of an interpreting service for non-English speakers and signposting to various community sector and statutory sector services
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam/female scholars are accessible to all female users
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women beneficiaries of the mosque feed into the Treasurer of the main Executive Committee, who raises issues on their behalf.
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	The Treasurer on the Executive Committee is a woman and there is direct input into the main governance committee of the mosque

Services:

- Providing advice and counselling services
- ‘Question and Answer’ sessions on theological issues
- Arabic / Quranic educational classes for young boys and girls are available

Denomination of mosque and users: Shia

Jamia Mohi-Ul-Islam
120-124 Barking Road
East Ham
London E6 3BD

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 Fax: 0208 472 5663
 Email: N/A
 Website: www.jmisiddiqia.co.uk

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 100 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Social (befriending) and health related sessions are provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to all worshippers and also provides direct advice and spiritual support to women
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	There are women volunteers and paid workers in the organisation and they can influence decision making at various levels
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 3 Executive Committee members

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Providing help and support on issues around domestic violence
- Working with local government to support community cohesion and to develop positive relations between Muslims and non-Muslims

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Lewisham Islamic Centre
363-365 Lewisham High Street,
London
SE13 6NZ

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 Fax: 0870 123 6229
 Email: info@lewishamislamiccentre.com
 Website: www.lewishamislamiccentre.com

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 300 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Religious educational and self defence classes are provided. There is also a gym facility that is available for beneficiaries of the mosque
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to all worshippers and also provides direct advice and spiritual support to women
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are involved at various levels of the organisation and attend and play a pro-active role in decision making both at an operational and strategic level. There are high numbers of women volunteers in the mosque
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 2 women members of the Executive Committee. One is a non-Executive Member and the other is a Link person between women beneficiaries and the Executive Committee

Services:

- Lectures for men and women on various religious and social aspects are provided
- A youth club is accessible to young men and women
- A gym and martial arts facility is provided on Sundays
- A Madrassah facility is provided for four days of the week

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Masjid and Madrasah Al-Tawhid
80 High Road
Leyton
London E15 2BP

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 Email: info@masjidtawhid.com
 Web: www.masjidtawhid.com

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 1500 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Educational sessions, women's study circles and cooking classes are provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible and there is a female link person for women beneficiaries who relays questions and answers between the Imam and women
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women volunteers and paid staff feed into decision making. They feed in at a service delivery level and within management decisions
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 6 women on the Executive Committee of the mosque

Services:

- Hadith, Tafseer and Seeraht AlNabi (PBUH) Classes in Arabic, English and Urdu
- Madrassah classes are provided
- Arabic language and Tawhid Classes

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Mosque And Islamic Centre Of Brent
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Cricklewood
London NW2 6DS

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 Web: www.brentmosque.co.uk

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 300 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	The local Member of Parliament visits the mosque once a month for surgeries / information sessions. There are health day open sessions for women, as well as study circles
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to all regarding advice on spiritual matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and in programme co-ordinating a variety of programmes.
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 3 women members of the Executive Committee

Services:

- Sign posting and referral services are available
- Well Being Health Projects are available
- A Diversity Awareness Programme looks at equality issues
- There are on-line religious learning services that are available on the website

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Muslim Association Of Nigeria
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London
SE1 5JH

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 Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 150 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Educational, spiritual welfare and social programmes are provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to all regarding advice on all spiritual matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub-committees that have been set up
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 4 women members of the Executive Committee

Services:

- Ground floor is dedicated to women worshippers and this can accommodate up to 80 service users at a time.
- Arabic language classes for men and women are provided
- Have a Madrassah which teaches children Islamic studies at GCSE level
- Women beneficiaries have access to transportation which belongs to the mosque and it is used to bring them to the mosque on major religious occasions

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Muslim Cultural and Welfare Association
80 Ruskin
Carsharton
Surrey SM5 3DH

Tel: 0208 647 9041

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Web: www.muslimassociationofsutton.org

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 100 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Islamic arts and crafts, families and toddlers groups are provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to all regarding advice on all spiritual matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub-committees that have been set up
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 3 women members of the Executive Committee

Services:

- Saturday Madrassah classes are provided
- Yoga classes for women
- Computer classes for senior citizens are available

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Muslim Welfare House
233 Seven Sisters Road
Finsbury Park
London N4 2DA

Tel: 0207 263 3071
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Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 100 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Islamic classes are provided. Social welfare sessions are provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to all regarding advice on all spiritual matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub- committees that have been set up
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 9 women members of the Executive Committee

Services:

- Quranic and Tajweed Class
- ESOL (English as a Second Language) Classes
- General Dawah Classes are provided

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Palmers Green Mosque (MCEC)
30 Oakthorpe Road
Palmers Green
London N13 5JL

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 Fax: 0208 882 6175
 Email: enquiries@mcec.org.uk
 Web: www.mcec.org.uk

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 200 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Educational, sports and leisure events are provided. There is also an 'end of life wash' (Wudhu) facility that is provided. The mosque is extremely well designed and the women's section of the prayer hall has a large and modern prayer space
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to anyone seeking advice on day to day and specialised matters. The imams are extremely pro-active within the community
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are invited to governance meetings and are active members of the mosque and have played a key role in the development of the mosque since it was built some 3-4 years ago
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are women on the Executive Committee and the Committee consists of 9 male and female members in total

Services:

- Recreational/sports classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on spiritual and emotional matters
- Educational (Quranic) sessions
- 'End of life, wash' or Wudhu facilities

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

South London Islamic Centre
8 Mitcham Lane
Streatham
London SW16 6NN

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 Email: admin@streathammosque.org
 Web: www.streathammosque.org

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 100 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	A Senior Citizens Club is provided as well as leisure and social services, camping and sports activities and social seminars
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to anyone seeking advice on day to day and specialised matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub-committees that have been set up
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 2 women members of the Executive Committee

Services:

- A Careers Advisory Service is available
- Picnics and sports activities are available
- Hajj and Umrah services are provided
- Counselling services are available for disputes on matrimonial matters

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Suleymaniye Mosque
212-216 Kingsland Road
Shoreditch
London E2 8AX

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 Fax: 0207 749 4066
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 Web: www.suleymaniye.org

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 750 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Activities for young girls, exercise, health and educational classes are provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to anyone seeking advice on day to day and specialised matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub- committees that have been set up. The mosque is very active in reaching out to and engaging with Muslim women
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 3 women members of a 12 person Executive Committee

Services:

- Different activities (diversionary activities) are available to stop drug and alcohol abuse
- Local and national politicians are regularly invited into the mosque to promote civic and political engagement
- Educational services such as book fairs are regularly undertaken

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

UK Turkish Islamic Mosque and Cultural Centre
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Stoke Newington
London N16 9EX

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Email: N/A

Web: www.suleimaniye.org.uk

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 750 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Activities for young girls, exercise, health and educational classes are provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to anyone seeking advice on day to day and specialised matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub-committees that have been set up
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There is a separate Women's sub-committee that has been set up which feeds its decisions into the Executive Committee. There are currently 17 members of the Executive Committee

Services:

- Quranic and Fiqh Classes are provided
- Madrassah services are provided
- Sewing and various vocational classes for women service users are available

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Jamia Masjid Chishtiyah
49-53 Milkstone Road
Rochdale
OL11 1EB

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 Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 100 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Islamic educational classes run by female tutors, also 'Question and Answer' sessions are held on a monthly basis on theological issues. There is a special broadcast for female service users on faith issues through the local community radio
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to anyone seeking advice on day to day and specialised matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub-committees that have been set up
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 2 women on the Executive Committee of the mosque

Services:

- Separate pray areas for women and men
- Creche facility is available
- There is a mental health project which is run with the local Primary Care Trust and which provides services to women on Wednesdays
- A theological 'Question and Answer' session with the Imam is broadcast on the local community / mosque radio station. This is exclusively targeted to women on 97.0 FM.

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 150 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	There is an annual conference held for female service users which is well attended. There are workshops at the conference focused on issues affecting teenagers and young people within the local area
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible and speaks English and Urdu. In addition they also have female tutors who can provide support and assistance when required
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in decision making at various levels, as well as volunteering
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 2 women on the Executive Committee. They have positions that include Treasurer and Secretary

Services:

- There are regular theological ‘Question and Answer’ sessions for service users
- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Funeral and Nikkah (marriage) services
- Advice and counselling on domestic violence issues
- Study circles for service users
- Cooking and health classes

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni - Ahle Hadith

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Longsight
Manchester M13 0TA

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 Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 100 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Islamic educational classes run by female tutors and 'Question and Answer' sessions on Islam and theological elements are held on a monthly basis
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to anyone seeking advice on day to day and specialised matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub-committees that have been set up
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There is currently a representative for issues affecting women in the mosque and she liaises with the Executive Committee and feeds back to female service users; there are 9 members on the Executive Committee

Services:

- Study Circles are provided
- Mother and Toddler Groups are available
- Madrassah and Tajweed classes are provided

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Markazi Jamia Masjid Khizra
425 Cheetham Hill Road
Manchester
M8 0PE

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 Fax: 01612 056 663
 Email: N/A
 Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 60 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Islamic educational classes run by female tutors and 'Question and Answer' sessions on Islam and theological elements are held on a monthly basis
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to anyone seeking advice on day to day and specialised matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub-committees that have been set up
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 2 women on the Executive Committee of the mosque

Services:

- Youth classes for girls and boys twice a week, which include “Keep Fit” and “Karate”
- Also conduct Islamic studies sessions for every age group
- Women’s forum; where they can ask questions on Islamic theology and Fiqh. Women have direct access to the imam and qualified women who can respond on religious matters
- There is also a community centre which is used for events like health sessions, Nikkah ceremonies and advice giving.

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Neeli Masjid & Islamic Centre
34-36 Durham Street
Rochdale
OL11 1JJ

Tel: 01706 648 0094
 Fax: N/A
 Email: N/A
 Website: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 200 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Islamic educational, social, welfare, advice and counselling sessions are provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to anyone seeking advice on day to day and specialised matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub-committees that have been set up
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 2 women on the Executive Committee of the mosque

Services:

- Women’s theological ‘Question and Answer’ fora take place once a week
- Childcare facilities and a crèche are provided
- There is a large prayer space for female service users
- There are disabled access points and a lift has been designed into the mosque

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Zakariyyah Masjid
20 Peace Street
Bolton
BL3 5LJ

Tel: 01204 535 002
 Fax: N/A
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 Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 200 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Quranic education, advice, counselling, Nikkah (marriage) and educational services.
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Women have access to an Imam and female qualified staff for advice
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women can directly provide their input into decision making at various levels in the mosque. This is both on a formal and an informal basis
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	They have a separate space to meet and there is a separate women's sub-committee which has 15 women participants

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling to women on issues such as forced marriages
- Referral to specialist help on issues such as circumcision

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 100-300 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	English and yoga classes twice a week and an Islamic library with dedicated opening times for women and girls.
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Women have access to two Imams and can seek advice on day to day and specialised matters.
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	The mosque has encouraged women to take an active part in the operation of the mosque and have had female committee members.
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	The last female committee member was also a local municipal elected councillor.

Services:

- Quranic classes 5 days a week for children with separate classes for adults
- ‘Understanding Islam classes’ every Sunday for youngsters
- Women’s English classes twice per week
- Women’s Yoga Classes twice per week
- Islamic Library with allocated times for females and males only.
- Cold room with wash facilities so that the deceased can be washed as is obligatory for Muslims
- Funeral service

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

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Brighton
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Web: www.bgmwg.blogspot.com

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 300 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Quranic and educational classes are provided. There are theological 'Question and Answer' sessions that are provided to both male and female service users
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to anyone seeking advice on day to day and specialised matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub-committees that have been set up
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 2 women on the Executive Committee of the mosque

Services:

- There are regular 'meet and learn' circles for interested members of the community
- Coffee Morning for service users are held
- Mother and Toddler Classes are held

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Exeter Mosque & Cultural Centre
12-13 York Road
Exeter
EX4 6GP

Tel: 01392 250 597
 Fax: 01392 250 597
 Email: enquiries@exetermosque.org.uk
 Web: www.exetermosque.org.uk

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 40 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Quranic and sewing classes provided for women. Other activities organised for women on an ad hoc basis
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	The Imam speaks English and is accessible to women, as well as a female teacher who is also accessible for advice
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	There are four females on the Women's sub-committee which feeds into the Executive Committee. Women are independent in making decisions regarding women's facilities and activities
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are two women who hold posts on the Executive Committee, one as a Cultural Officer and one as a Social Events Coordinator.

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- ESOL classes available for women

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Central Jamia Mosque – Ghamkol Sharif
150 Golden Hillock Road
Birmingham
B10 0DX

Tel: 0121 773 7277
 Fax: N/A
 Email: info@ghamkolsharif.org
 Web: www.ghamkolsharif.org

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 1500 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Specialist advice service, counselling services for domestic violence and health information days with local PCTs
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible and also qualified women are available to provide religious advice to women
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women have their own sub-committee which feeds into the main Executive Committee
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	Women are working and holding various positions such as Secretary and Treasurer within the Mosque

Services:

- Arabic language classes
- Advice and counselling on domestic violence and forced marriages
- Use of a function hall

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Clifton Mosque (KSIMC)
17 Clifton Road
Balsall Heath
Birmingham B12 8SX

Tel: 0121 446 6437
 Fax:0121 446 6437
 Email: info@ksmnet.org
 Website: www.ksmnet.org

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 700 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Islamic lectures, study circles and advice on domestic violence
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Women have access to the imam and there are qualified female staff for religious advice giving
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	There is a Women's Sub-committee that feeds into the main Executive Committee
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	The Women's Sub-Committee is made up of 28 women

Services:

- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on immigration and stress management
- 'Question and Answer' sessions on a regular basis
- Use of a function hall
- Regular school/college visits from the local area

Denomination of mosque and users: Shia-Twelve

Ghusia Masjid
191 Waterloo Road
Stoke On Trent
ST6 3HR

Tel: 01670 365 090

Fax: N/A

Email: N/A

Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 150 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Advice and guidance on women's rights are provided and where they may get support and assistance in different languages
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Imam is accessible to anyone seeking advice on day to day and specialised matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub-committees that have been set up. They are also informed of sub-committee meetings and the main Executive Committee meetings
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 2 women on the Executive Committee of the mosque

Services:

- Women's theological 'Question and Answer' sessions take place once a week.
- Counselling, Nikkah (marriage) and mortuary services are available.
- There is a specific quiet room which has been set aside for female service users

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Hussainia Mosque & Community Centre
Herbert Road
Small Heath
Birmingham B10 0QP

Tel: 0121 773 6212
 Fax: 0121 772 3839
 Email: info@hussainia.org.uk
 Web: www.hussainia.org.uk

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 200 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Arabic and Persian classes provided and also advice on accessing employment and social support programmes like domestic violence and job seeking
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Women have access to the imam and there are qualified female staff for religious advice giving
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	There is a Women's sub-committee that feeds into the main Executive Committee of the mosque
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 15-16 members of the sub-committee working at various levels ranging from Secretary of the Executive Committee to volunteers

Services:

- Quranic recitation, lectures and a Question and Answer Forum for men and women regarding their religious issues
- Madrassah for students that teaches Islamic Studies at a GCSE level
- Library and conference facilities.

Denomination of mosque and users: Shia

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 100 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Health related advice and support programmes are provided with the local authority and the local Primary Care Trust
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Qualified female staff are available to provide theological support and they have multilingual skills
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and do feed into the sub-committees that have been set up. There is a Women's Sub-committee made up of 8 women
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	The Women's sub-committee feeds into the Executive Committee

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Funeral and Nikkah (marriage) services
- Advice and counselling
- Study circles for service users within the mosque

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Jamia Mosque Mehr-Ul-Millat
21 Shakespeare Street
Sparkhill
Birmingham B11 4RU

Tel: 0121 773 5966
 Fax: 0121 773 5966
 Email: info@alnoorcollege.co.uk
 Website: www.alnoorcollege.co.uk

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 300 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Invite political figures to various faith related meetings such as local councillors to reduce potential tensions between Muslims and non-Muslims
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Women have access to the imam and there are qualified female staff for religious advice giving
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women do feed into the decisions made at an operational and strategic level through the Executive Committee
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 4 women on the Executive Committee. There is a Secretary, one woman is an Executive Committee member and two women share the post of Treasurer

Services:

- Library facility for the service users
- Separate prayer and wash areas for men and women
- Islamic education classes
- Advice and counselling services also available

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Minhaj-UI-Quran Centre
187 Manningham lane
Bradford
BD8 7HP

Tel: 01274 720 760

Fax: N/A

Email: mkibradford@hotmail.co.uk

Website: www.minhaj.org.uk

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 80-90 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Quranic, advice, counselling, Nikkah (marriage) and educational services
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Women have access to an Imam and female qualified staff to seek advice on day to day matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women worshippers make decisions in relation to their section of the mosque. They are independent in making decisions on this section of the mosque but do feed into the Executive Committee
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 20 members on the Women's sub-committee who hold various positions. This feeds into the main Executive Committee

Services:

- Library which is accessible to the public and which includes books, CDs and DVDs
- Monthly 'Question and Answer' sessions and spiritual renewal sessions for Muslim women
- Weekly Quran and Hadith sessions are provided

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Central Jamia Masjid
South Street
(Off Charles Street)
Wakefield WF1 4PG

Tel: 01924 215 053
 Fax: N/A
 Email: N/A
 Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 200 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Toddlers group, visits of female scholars once a month at the mosque
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Qualified female staff to provide theological support are available
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are actively involved in volunteering and in programme co-ordinating a variety of programmes. They also have a separate sub-committee which feeds into the main Executive Committee of the mosque
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There are 5 women on the Executive Committee of the mosque

Services:

- There is a library service that is available to all service users
- There is a radio facility for those women service users who want to listen to the sermons at home
- There are mental health awareness days targeted at female service users

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Jamiat Tablighul Islam
Victor Street
St. Lukes Church
Bradford BD9 4RA

Tel: 01274 554 358
 Fax: N/A
 Email: N/A
 Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 100 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Islamic educational sessions run by women. Additionally, 'Question and Answer' sessions are held on a monthly basis relating to common 'daily' issues
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	Women have access to an Imam and female qualified staff to seek advice on day to day matters
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	There is inclusion at various levels and especially when there are issues that may particularly affect women beneficiaries
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	There is representation on the Executive Committee by a 'Link Person' who relates back issues affecting beneficiaries to this Committee

Services:

- Islamic educational services in Urdu and English are provided
- There are separate lectures for women
- Madrassah services are provided

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Criteria	Availability	Description
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓	Accommodates 800 female worshippers
Services & activities for women	✓	Educational, sports, leisure and social events are provided
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓	An Imam and a female scholar is accessible most of the time for advice giving
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓	Women are included at various levels in the decision making processes and they can also engage with and work with Executive Committee members
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓	Women hold various positions from Executive Committee members to 'Link workers,' between beneficiaries and the Committee. There are 8 women on the Executive Committee

Services:

- Islamic educational services in Urdu and English
- Educational classes for women
- Advice and counselling is provided

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Al Jamaat ul Muslmin
8 St Georges Street (Off Regents Square)
Northampton
NN1 2TR

Tel: 01604 624 930
Fax: 01604 626 940
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	x
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Funeral and Nikkah (marriage) services
- Study circles for service users within the mosque

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Central Mosque Burton
230 Uxbridge Street
Burton on Trent
DE14 3LA

Tel: N/A
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Funeral and Nikkah (marriage) services
- Advice and counselling on finding employment
- Support for stress management
- Study circles for service users within the mosque

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Leicester Mosque/Islamic Centre
2 A Sutherland Street
Leicester
LE2 1DS

Tel: 0116 285 4052
Fax: N/A
Email: info@islamiccentre.org
Web: www.islamiccentre.org

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✗

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Lenton Muslim Centre
56-58 Rothsay Avenue
Lenton Sands
Nottingham NG7 1PW

Tel: 0115 978 0468
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✗

Services:

- 'Question and Answer' sessions around theology and for general advice on religious matters are provided
- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Funeral and Nikkah (marriage) services
- Study circles for service users

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Masjid Umar
398 Alfreton Road
Radford Nottingham
NG7 5NG

Tel: 0115 978 3640

Fax: N/A

Email: masjedumar.nottingham@yahoo.co.uk

Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	x

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes running during evenings and weekends
- After school tuition for children
- Lectures on various Islamic issues

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Central Jamia Masjid
Montague Way
Southall
Middlesex UB2 5PA

Tel: 0208 574 5115
Fax: 0208 813 9219
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on seeking employment and advice and information on housing issues

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Gatton Road Mosque
8 Gatton Road
Tooting
London SW17 0EX

Tel: 0208 767 7477
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✗

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on matrimonial issues, including divorce

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Iford Islamic Centre
52-56 Albert Road
Iford
Essex IG1 1HW

Tel: 0208 553 5739
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Sports and social activities
- Advice and counselling to families and supporting relationships between parents, carers and young people
- Funeral facilities

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Islamic Centre
282 London Road
Camberley
Surrey GU15 3JP

Tel: 01276 670 717
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on domestic violence

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Jamia Masjid and Islamic Centre
101-105 Townsend Road
Southall
UB1 1HE

Tel: 0208 571 9542
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on preventing young people abusing drugs or alcohol

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

London Islamic Cultural Society:
389-395 Wightman Road
Hornsey
London N8 0NA

Tel: 0208 348 0353
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Website: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling
- After school tuition to help children with their homework with the help of volunteer teachers

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

North Brixton Islamic Cultural Centre
180-182a Brixton Road
London
SW9 6AT

Tel: 0207 735 9967
Fax: N/A
Email: nbicc@fsmail.net
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✗
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on racial discrimination and abuse at work
- Function hall

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

North London Central Mosque
7-15 St. Thomas Road
Finsbury Park
London N4 2OH

Tel: 0207 424 5252
Fax: 0207 424 5255
Email: info@nlcentralmosque.com
Web: www.nlcentralmosque.com

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✗

Services:

- Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Separate Youth clubs for boys and girls with activities such as swimming and Martial Arts
- Gym sessions available with dedicated slots for men and women

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Qurani Murkuz
10-14 Mulberry Way
South Woodford
London E18 1ED

Tel: 0208 989 4759
Fax: N/A
Email: email.query@qmttrust.org
Web: www.qmttrust.org

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✗
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- After school tuition for young people

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Shah Jahan Mosque
149 Oriental Road
Woking, Surrey
GU22 7BA

Tel: 01483 760 679

Fax: N/A

Email: office@shahjahanmosque.org.uk

Web: www.shahjahanmosque.org.uk

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✗

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- After school tuition for young people

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Shah Poran Masjid
444 Hackney Road
London
E2 6QN

Tel: 0207 613 0186

Fax: N/A

Email: N/A

Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	x
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on local services and how to access them

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Southend Mosque
191 West Road
West Cliff on Sea
Southend SS3 9EH

Tel: 01702 347 265

Fax: N/A

Email: N/A

Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Wembley Central Mosque
35-37 Ealing Road
Wembley Middlesex
HA0 4AE

Tel: 0208 903 9651
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✗

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- After school tuition
- Advice and counselling
- Funeral services

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Heaton Mosque & Islamic Centre
1 Rothbury Terrace
Heaton Upton Tyne
Newcastle NE6 5XH

Tel: 01912 654 083

Fax: N/A

Email: N/A

Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✗

Services:

- Islamic educational classes for young boys and girls are provided
- ‘Question and Answer’ advice sessions are provided on issues that may come up through daily activities
- Study circles for service users

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Al Jamiatul Karirnia
200 Platt Lane
Rusholme
Manchester M14 7DE

Tel: 01617 403 696
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on matrimonial disputes
- After school tuition for young people

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Bellot Street Hussainia Mosque
54 Bellott Street
Cheetham Hill
Manchester M8 0PE

Tel: 01612 779 695
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	x
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Advice and counselling
- After school tuition to young people on Science and Maths

Denomination of mosque and users: Shia

Farnworth Mosque
Granville Street
Farnworth
Bolton BL4 7LD

Tel: 01204 574 601
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Website: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic Classes
- Hadith & Tafseer Classes
- After School Tuition services
- A funeral service with wash (ghusal) facilities

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Golden Masjid
Lower Sheriff Street
Rochdale
OL12 6TG

Tel: 01706 648 681

Fax: N/A

Email: goldenmosque@hotmail.com

Web: www.goldenmosque.com

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling
- After school tuition to assist children with the sciences. There is a pool of qualified volunteer teachers

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Islamic Religious Centre & Mosque
209 Preston New Road
Blackburn
BB2 6BN

Tel: 01254 698 384
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web:N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- After school tuition through volunteers
- Referral to specialist help on issues such as circumcision

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Jamia Masjid Bilal
Bulwer Street
Rochdale
OL16 2EB

Tel: 01706 861 853
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling
- After school tuition for young boys and girls

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Masjid e Noor
Noor Street
Preston
PR1 1QS

Tel: 01772 881 786

Fax: N/A

Email: N/A

Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- 'Question and Answer' sessions around theology and for general advice on religious matters are provided
- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Advice and counselling on domestic violence and matrimonial issues
- Study circles for service users

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Masjid-e-Sajideen
Plane Tree Road
Little Harwood
Blackburn BB1 6LS

Tel: 01254 54 313

Fax: N/A

Email: N/A

Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on matrimonial matters
- Function hall

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Mohammedi Mosque
Netherfield Road
Nelson
BB9 9QL

Tel: 01282 698 229
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- 'Question and Answer' sessions around theology and for general advice on religious matters are provided
- Quranic classes
- Nikkah (marriage) services
- Study circles for service users

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Masjid Noor ul Islam
Prospect Street
(off Halliwell Road)
Bolton BL1 3QH

Tel: 01204 535 738

Fax: N/A

Email: N/A

Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on childcare services in the local area and welfare rights issues

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

North Manchester Jamia Mosque
3 Woodlands Road
Cheetham Hill
Manchester M8 7LF

Tel: 01617 403 696

Fax: N/A

Email: N/A

Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✗

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on ESOL courses
- After school tuition for young people

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

UK Islamic Mission/Madina Masjid
2 Barlow Road (off Stockport Road)
Levenshulme
Manchester M19 3DJ

Tel: 01612 245 143
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: www.ukim.org

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Advice and counselling
- After school tuition for young people

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Albarr Community Centre
Union Crescent
Margate
CT9 1NR

Tel: 01843 297 476
Fax: 01843 292 059
Email: marmasjid@margatemosque.org
Web: www.margatemosque.org

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✗

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Funeral and Nikkah (marriage) services
- Study circles for service users within the mosque

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Masjid Al Haque (Hastings Mosque)
12 Marcatoria Street
St Leonards On Sea
TN38 0EB

Tel: 01424 426 232
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✗

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Funeral and Nikkah (marriage) services
- Advice and counselling on forced marriage issues and divorce / matrimonial disputes
- Study circles for service users within the mosque

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Oxford Mosque Society
10-11 Bath Street
Oxford
OX4 1AY

Tel: 01865 245 547
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Dawah sessions
- Quranic classes
- ‘Question and Answer’ sessions around theology and for general advice on religious matters are provided
- Advice and counselling on domestic violence and forced marriage issues
- Study circles for service users

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Southampton Jamia Mosque
189 Northumberland Road
Southampton
SO14 0EQ

Tel: 02380 635 941
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Dawah sessions
- Quranic classes
- 'Question and Answer' sessions around theology and for general advice on religious matters are provided
- Study circles for service users

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Bilal Mosque
245 Yews Hill Road
Huddersfield
HD4 5DF

Tel: 01484 542 360
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	x
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on matrimonial matters and relationship dispute resolution

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Bournemouth Islamic Centre & Central Mosque
4 St. Stephen's Road
Bournemouth
BH2 6JJ

Tel: 01202 557 072
Fax: 01202 298 681
Email: biccm@talk21.com
Web: www.biccm.org.uk

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Sports and activities for young people

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Madni Jamia Masjid Ghausia
73 Victoria Road
Huddersfield
HD1 3RT

Tel: 01484 513 248
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Website: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Quranic educational services
- Funeral services
- Religious 'Question and Answer' sessions for men and women
- Ziker and spiritual sessions

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Green Lane Masjid & Community Centre
20 Green Lane
Small Heath
Birmingham B9 5DB

Tel: 0121 713 0080
Fax: 0121 713 0081
Email: info@greenlanemasjid.org
Web: www.greenlanemasjid.org

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✗

Services:

- Lectures and Seminars on Islamic Issues
- Women's Islamic Circles
- Arabic and other recreational and educational programmes for women

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Jalalabad Mosque and Madrassa
108 Ettington Road
Aston
Birmingham B6 6EB

Tel: 0121 326 0337
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	x
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on domestic violence, immigration and marriage difficulties

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Masjid Muhul Islam Siddiqia
12 Victoria Road
Aston
Birmingham B6 5HA

Tel: 0121 554 8277
Fax: N/A
Email: info@thenoortv.co.uk
Web: www.thenoortv.co.uk

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling on housing and immigration issues

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Mosque & Islamic Welfare Association
62 Wills Street
Lozells
Birmingham B19 1QR

Tel: 0121 523 0810

Fax: N/A

Email: info@lozellscentralmosque.co.uk

Web: www.lozellscentralmosque.co.uk

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling around dispute resolution within the community

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Paigham-e-Islam Trust
423 Stratford Road
Sparkhill
Birmingham B11 4LB

Tel: 0121 773 8301
Fax: 0121 773 1735
Email: N/A

Web: www.paghameislam.co.uk

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling around dispute resolution within the community
- After school tuition for young people

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Quba Mosque
6 Wyecliff Road
Handsworth
Birmingham B20 3TB

Tel: 0121 523 7529

Fax: N/A

Email: N/A

Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	x
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- After school tuition for young people
- Function hall

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Tennyson Road Mosque
28 Tennyson Road
Small Heath
Birmingham B10 0HA

Tel: 0121 773 6094

Fax: N/A

Email: N/A

Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✗

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Function hall

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

The Muslim Association and Mosque
43 High Gate Street
Old Hill
Cradley B64 5RY

Tel: 01293 528 488
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Function hall
- Sports activities are provided for young people

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Dar-UI-Alom Siddiquia
24 Burngreave Road
Sheffield
S3 9DD

Tel: 0114 2701 034
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	x
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Funeral and Nikkah (marriage) services
- Advice and counselling on domestic violence and matrimonial disputes
- Study circles for service users within the mosque

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Jamia Masjid and Community Centre
Moorgate Street
Moorgate
Rotherham S60 2EY

Tel: 01709 369 715
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✗
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Advice and counselling
- After school tuition is provided through volunteer teachers

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

Masjid Umar
306 Barnsley Road
Sheffield
S5 7AD

Tel: 0114 256 2170
Fax: N/A
Email: N/A
Web: N/A

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	x
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✓

Services:

- Arabic / Quranic classes
- Funeral and Nikkah (marriage) services
- Advice and counselling on housing and other benefits
- Study circles for service users within the mosque

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni

York Mosque and Islamic Centre
Bull lane
Lawrence Street
York YO10 3EN

Tel: 01904 413 123
Fax: 01904 413 123
Email: contact@yorkmosque.org
Web: www.yorkmosque.org

Criteria	Availability
Separate Prayer Space For women	✓
Services & activities for women	✓
Imam/qualified women accessible to the service users	✓
Inclusion of women in decision making at various levels (operational and strategic)	✓
Women holding office on the mosque committee	✗

Services:

- The mosque works in partnership with the local authority and organises interfaith meetings at the venue
- The Imam also works as a Faith Advisor at the University of St Johns and York
- There is a multi-lingual counselling service for women
- Advice to youth focusing on preventing the use of drugs or any act that can be harmful to them or their community at large

Denomination of mosque and users: Sunni





CASE STUDIES

Case Study

Al Madina Mosque
2 Victoria Road
Ilford Lane
Barking
IG11 8PY

Venue

The mosque has a car parking facility. There are two main sites; one for men and the other for women. They can accommodate about 1200-1500 people at a time. The mosque is a relatively new building.

Services

- Separate yoga classes for men and women
- Quranic studies, Fiqh and language classes
- Information and 'Question and Answer' sessions for women who have converted to Islam. (This is held on Saturdays)
- Advisory groups for men and women
- A Madrassah for young boys and girls
- The mosque works in partnership with the local authority in developing policies like child protection.
- A crèche facility is available for the service users
- 'Outreach services to schools are provided so that barriers between Muslims and non-Muslims can be broken down.
- Counselling services are provided.
- Work against domestic violence and drugs within the local area
- Regular health events and interfaith events are organised.
- Women have access to an Imam and Muslim women scholars who are learned in Islam

Members of the Executive Committee and/or Sub-Committees

There are 9 male and 5 female Executive Committee members

Future Plans

- Introducing a GCSE course in Islam
- Developing a 24 hour hotline service for domestic violence and counselling
- Social projects to tackle extremism at a local level

Ethnicity of the service users

Mostly British Muslims of Pakistani origin

Denomination

Sunni-Hanafi

Case Study

Brighton Mosque and Muslim Community Centre
150 Dyke Road
Brighton
BN1 2PT

Venue

This is the largest mosque in Brighton, originally based on top of a store to facilitate the community, now with a newly refurbished mosque which was refurbished in 2005. The female prayer hall is on the first floor, with the entrance being next to the male prayer hall on the ground floor. The female prayer room is sectioned off which is re-opened during mass worship such as during Eid and Taraweeh. The capacity of female worshippers on average is 80 people though the venue can accommodate up to 150 women on special events like those listed above.

Services

- Arabic and Quranic classes
- Islamic law/Fiqh classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Lectures and seminars
- An Imam who speaks English and is accessible to the public
- Fund raising events – Contribution to local celebrations and events such as, ‘International Women’s day’, ‘Brunswick Festival’ and international faith meetings
- Help and support for converts or reverts to Islam
- Regular and flexible ‘meet and learn’ circles
- Mother and Toddler groups
- Coffee mornings
- Signposting Services in the community
- Agency reporting racist and Islamophobic incidents
- Live resource for Schools and Students research projects

Members of the Executive Committee and/or Sub-Committees

The centre has a number of Aalimahs and Qualified Teachers, though these vary due to suitability to the events and guest speakers are also brought in from around the country. Female volunteers are available throughout the year.

There is one woman on the Executive Committee who also holds the post as the Head of the Women’s Sub-committee. She is also the Secretary on the main Executive Committee.

Future Plans

- Educational courses to accommodate women who require key skills for everyday life
- Aspirations for extended prayer space and permanent qualified teachers who will reside at the Mosque.

Ethnicity of the service users

British Muslims

Denomination

Sunni-Hanafi

Case Study

Clifton Mosque (Khoja Shia Ithna-Asheri Muslim Community)
17 Clifton Road
Balsall Heath
Birmingham
B12 8SX

Venue

The mosque is situated within a large fenced compound that houses other sections of the organisation. There is a large car park, food shop, library, school and a central building that is the men's section of the mosque and another building which is the community centre and women's section. The mosque can hold up to 700 women worshippers at any one time.

Services

- Arabic and Quranic classes
- Lectures in English
- Advice workshops on health and welfare
- A 'match-making' service for those looking for marriage
- Sports tournaments
- Group outings
- Social events
- Function hall
- Funeral facilities
- A school

Members of the Executive Committee and/or Sub-Committees

There are 25 women on the sub-committee that look at issues affecting women. They all work on a voluntary basis and they each have their own designated roles.

The Women's sub-committee liaise with female service users and the main Executive Committee on a regular basis and they play a significant role in decision-making.

Future Plans

- To do more for women beneficiaries by extending services, activities and workshops, in particular those related to healthcare and job training, as well as looking after senior citizens in the community.
- To have appropriate childcare facilities in order to make it easier for women to attend courses and programs.
- To relocate to a larger site.

Ethnicity of the service users

British Muslims of Gujarati origin

Denomination

Shia

Case Study

East London Mosque & London Muslim Centre
46-92 Whitechapel Road
London
E1 1JX

Venue

This is a large mosque with a dedicated prayer space for women. There are also several other modern facilities such as a seminar suite, meeting rooms, events halls and a crèche with fully qualified staff. The mosque can hold up to 400 women worshippers.

Services

- Arabic and Quranic classes
- An Imam who speaks English and is accessible to the public by appointment
- Training courses such as parenting classes and self defence classes
- After school and weekend tuition for children and young people
- Advice workshops on health and welfare
- Marriage and Family Advice Services
- Creche facilities
- Sports and activities
- A function hall
- Funeral facilities and services

Members of the Executive Committee and/or Sub-Committees

There are 15 Executive Committee members in total; 9 are elected and 6 are co-opted. There are 2 women on the Executive Committee and there is also a Women's sub-committee. (The 2 women have been on the Executive Committee for about 3 years).

Future Plans

- A centre specifically for women which will increase the prayer space for women as well as space for other projects and services is currently being built.
- The building works on the women's centre has started and the aim is to complete the works by November 2010.

Ethnicity of the service users

British Muslims of Bangladeshi origin

Denomination

Sunni-Hanafi

Case Study

Hussaini Islamic Centre
4 Burton Street
PE1 5HD
Peterborough

Venue

It has a large car parking space / facility. The building is divided into two blocks for men and women. 400 women and 150 men can be accommodated at any one time

Services

- Separate wash (Wudhu) and prayer spaces for males and females.
- Classes for women include, religious based courses, stitching, cooking and keeping fit.
- Women have direct access to Imam and Muslim women scholars who are learned in Islam
- A visiting scholar also provides a Question and Answer service for women beneficiaries of the mosque
- Combined sermons (Khutbas) are provided on Thursdays for men and women
- A Madrassah is held once a week on Saturdays. They have 160 students enrolled studying GCSE level Islamic studies.

Members of the Executive Committee and/or Sub-Committees

Women have their own separate sub-committee, which feeds into the main Executive Committee

Future Plans

- To expand on services specifically for women and this may be around the provision of further training courses

Ethnicity of the service users

Mostly British Muslims of Gujarati origin.

Denomination

Shia-Ashariyyah

Case Study

Islamic Centre Nottingham
Curzon Street
St. Ann's Well Road
Nottingham
NG3 1DG

Venue

This is the largest mosque in Nottingham which is also purpose built in a traditional Islamic style. A large car park is attached to the mosque and the female prayer hall is located on the first floor with a separate entrance at ground level. There is also a smaller building within the fenced compound that houses the separate male and female administration offices and a food hall. The capacity of the mosque for female worshippers is 500 people.

Services

- Arabic and Quranic classes
- Islamic law classes
- Hadith and Tafseer classes
- Lectures and seminars
- An Imam who speaks English and is accessible to the public
- Fund raising events
- Function hall
- Funeral facilities with a funeral vehicle
- Help and support for converts or reverts to Islam

Members of the Executive Committee and/or Sub-Committees

There are up to 21 women on the women's sub-committee who all work on a voluntary and ad-hoc basis.

There are two women who hold posts as a Director and a Secretary on the main Mosque management committee and the Women's sub-committee also liaise with them in decision-making.

Future Plans

- There is currently a construction appeal in order to raise funds to extend the mosque building that will house a self sufficient centre for women on the first floor which will comprise of a library and education centre with I.T and crèche facilities
- There are also plans for a conference centre on the second floor which will facilitate inter-faith dialogue.

Ethnicity of service users

British Muslims of Pakistani origin

Denomination

Sunni-Hanafi

Case Study

Jamia Masjid Chishtiah
49-53 Milkstone Road
Rochdale
OL11 1EB

Venue

It is a large mosque based on several floors with a total capacity of 800 people. The lower floors have wash (Wudhu) and toilet areas whereas the upper floors have prayer areas. There is a separate building which is used as a Madrassah and a radio station is housed on the top floor.

Services

- Classes of Ziker and Tajweed for men and women
- Female teachers are available
- Separate prayer areas for men and women
- A crèche facility
- A mortuary and wash area for those who have passed away
- A mental health project for women in partnership with the local Primary Care Trust. This is held on Wednesdays
- A Question and Answer session is conducted on Sundays with an Imam and is broadcast through the radio station. It is exclusively focused on women and is on 97.0 FM
- A women's only session in the mosque takes place between 1-3 pm
- There is also a magazine which is published for young people between the ages of 14-30. It is called Ninety Seven
- They have a library with a wide selection of books, CDs and DVDs which are accessible to all service users
- The sermon or Khutba is provided in English and Urdu
- Free food for people entering the mosque is provided during the Holy month of Ramadhan

Members of the Executive Committee and/or Sub-Committees

There are 4 trustees and 1 of them is female. She works as a Treasurer and is also a link person with female beneficiaries of the mosque

Future plans

- To broadcast 24 hours a day on 97.0FM

Ethnicity of the service users

Mostly British Muslims of Pakistani origin

Denomination

Sunni-Hanafi

Case Study

Lewisham Islamic Centre
363-365 Lewisham High Street
SE13

Venue

It can accommodate up to 350 people at any one time. Women have a separate entrance and a wash (Wudhu) area. It is located on the main road and therefore easily accessible. Pay and display parking is available nearby.

Services

- Lectures for men and women on various topics
- A youth club for girls
- A gym and martial arts facility on Sundays
- Female only swimming sessions are conducted on weekends
- There is a crèche facility for women available
- Islamic educational classes for men and women
- A Madrassah facility 4 days a week
- A supplementary school on Sundays
- A primary school facility for boys & girls
- Women have access to an Imam and Muslim women scholars who are learned in Islam
- Face to face and telephony based counselling services are available in cases of dispute or when traumatic events take place

Members of the Executive Committee and/or Sub-Committees

There are 14 members of the Executive Committee and 1 female member sits on it. She works as the link between women beneficiaries and the Executive Committee.

Future plans

- To develop a larger prayer area for women beneficiaries of the mosque.

Ethnicity of service users

British Muslims of Pakistani and Arab origin

Denomination

Sunni-Hanafi

Description of the Methodology for the Directory

The purpose of the directory is to compile the 100 leading mosques that provide the best access to women, catering for their needs and allowing them to play their rightful role in the decision making processes. Each mosque has been benchmarked against five key criteria that Muslim women across England wanted to see within the institutions.

486 mosques were contacted throughout England in the course of the project and the directory has highlighted fifty mosques throughout England that meet all of the five criteria and fifty mosques that meet four of the criteria.

Focus groups to ascertain the five key areas that Muslim women wanted to see within mosques were held in London, Coventry, Derby, Manchester, Birmingham and Bradford and over 100 women were involved in the focus groups. British Muslim women of Pakistani, Bangladeshi and Somali heritage, as well as Muslim women from Turkish speaking communities fed into the consultation process. In total, eight focus groups were held and the results of the focus groups led to the following five themes being identified as the ones that were consistently raised.

1. Separate prayer space for women,
2. Services and activities for women (i.e. childcare and or women's training or mentoring sessions, for example),
3. An Imam accessible to women (or a woman scholar),
4. Inclusion of women in decision making (at operational and strategic levels in the institution),
5. Women holding office on the mosque committees

A long list of issues that came out of the focus groups were then condensed into the five main areas listed above and which were agreed by consensus by the focus groups. The groups were not asked to prioritise the areas in order of preference as the aim of the focus groups were to agree on which of the five areas were important to them.

All of the 486 mosques were initially written to so that we could explain the remit of the work. The mosques were then contacted by phone and an assessment made as to whether they met the five areas. Mosques were therefore classified as to whether they met specific elements of the themes listed previously.

Fifty eight five star mosques (which met all of the five criteria) and sixty four four star mosques were assessed via the telephone and each of the five star mosques were visited in person across England so that face to face validation work could be undertaken. This would ensure accuracy in relation to the five star mosques since they were considered to be institutions exhibiting best practice in the areas previously outlined.

A final number of fifty five star and fifty four star mosques was therefore included in this directory and it must be noted that whilst we have tried to ensure the accuracy of the information, changes within institutions will continue to be made and this directory is therefore a snapshot of service provision between February and March 2010.

Glossary of Islamic Terms

Aalimah	One who knows, a female scholar (in any field of knowledge)
Ahl-e-Hadith	This group of individuals seek guidance from the Quran and from authentic Hadiths (actions and sayings of the Prophet Muhammad and his Companions), in relation to religious practices and faith elements.
Akhlaq	Arabic term referring to the practice of virtue, morality and manners in Islamic theology and philosophy
Alhamdulillah	All praise is due to Allah (SWT)
Allah	God (or One God). The only entity worthy of worship.
Alim	One who knows, a scholar (in any field of knowledge).
Assalamu Alaykum	Islamic greetings of, "Peace be upon you".
Bismillahi Rahmani Rahim	"In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful".
Dars E Quran	Explanation of the Holy Quran in any language
Dawah	The dissemination and preaching of Islam
Deeniyat	Totality of Muslim beliefs and practices. Therefore, Islam as a "complete way of life."
Dua	Personal Prayer, Supplication.
Faqih	One who has a deep understanding of Islam, its law and jurisprudence.
Fiqah	The word 'Fiqah' is an Arabic term which means a 'deep understanding' or 'full comprehension.' Technically, it refers to the science of Islamic law referenced to detailed Islamic sources.
Fiqh	Jurisprudence built around the Shariah. Literally means "deep understanding," and refers to the deep understanding of Islamic Law.
Ghusl	Full ablution of the whole body.
Hadith	Literally means "speech", recorded saying of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him).
Hafiz	Someone who has memorised the Holy Quran.
Hajj	The performance of pilgrimage to Makkah (or Mecca) in Saudia Arabia
Halaqa	A gathering or meeting for the primary purpose of learning about Islam.
Hanafi	This is one of the four main schools of religious thought in Sunni Islam.
Hifz	One who is studying to memorise the Holy Quran
Imam	Literally means 'leader', a man who leads a community of prayers.
Islam	Means submission to the will of Allah or God.

Jummah	“Friday”, the special holy day for Muslims who gather together at the Mosque around mid-day to hear the Friday Khutba (sermon) and to undertake the Jummah Salat (prayers).
Madrassah	School providing the teachings about Islam
Masjid	Place of prayer / Mosque.
Mullah	Islamic clergy person
Nikkah	Marriage.
PBUH	Peace be upon him
Quran	Muslims believe the Quran to be the literal word of Allah. It was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)
Ramadan	The holy month of prescribed fasting for the Muslims
Salaah	Any one of the daily five obligatory prayers within Islam.
Shia	Is the second largest denomination in Islam after Sunni Islam. Shia Muslims believe that Hazrat Ali, Prophet Muhammad’s cousin and son-in law, was the rightful Caliph and successor to the Prophet. Shia and Sunni’s believe in the Quran, which is regarded as the Word of Allah / God.
Sunni	Is the largest denomination in Islam. Sunni Muslims accept the legitimacy of the first four Caliphs after the death of the Prophet, one of which included Abu Bakr
Surah	A chapter of the Holy Quran.
Tafseer	Explanation.
Tajweed	A special manner of reciting the Quran according to prescribed rules of pronunciation.
Taraweeh	Prayers done after Isha during the Holy month of Ramadhan.
Tawhid	The belief in one God
Twelver	This is the largest branch of Shia Islam. They follow the Quran’s teachings and also believe in the divine teachings of Twelve divinely ordained leaders or Imams.
Umrah	A pilgrimage to Makkah, but not during the Hajj period
Walima	A celebration meal.
Wudhu	A form of ablution to ensure cleanliness before Salat (prayer).
Ziker	The remembrance of God

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