

Decolonising maternity care

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• BACKGROUND

- Western biomedicine was set up in colonial times
- Euro-American model of healthcare has deep roots in colonial medicine and has been extensively shaped by colonial-era hierarchies of power.

• OBJECTIVES

- To uncover power imbalances constructed throughout a history of various colonial biases yet lingering in maternity care

• METHODS

- Literature searches were conducted of peer-reviewed publications and grey literature for decolonial discussions on maternity care.

CONCLUSIONS

The following themes emerged that need to be deeply reflected on through education, guideline construction and policy making by maternity professionals to improve equity, fairness through reflexivity and decolonisation.

- Histories of exploitation
- Racism & diagnostic bias in darker skins
- Androcentric ideas of health
- Colonial legacies in higher education
- Epistemic and geographical bias in knowledge production
- Medical interventions v ecological interventions
- Reverse innovation and cultural appropriation
- Power imbalances between allied professional groups
- Power imbalance between healthcare providers and patients

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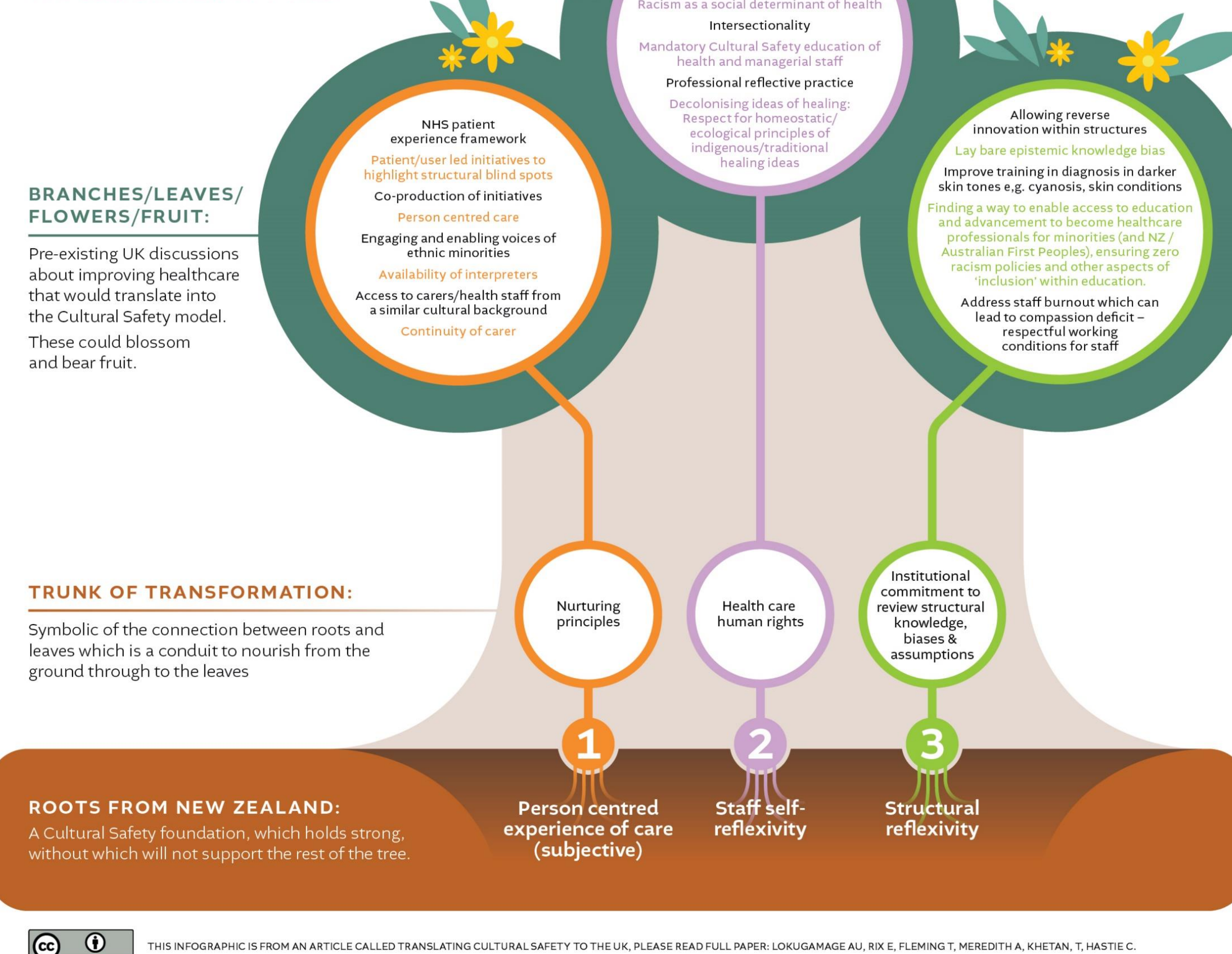
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