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... Kazna Begum and Aileen Williams,

surgery replaces the Barnardo Gardens practice.

No 10 invite for volunteer Jilu

A VOLUNTEER from Tower Hamlets was rewarded for his hard work, dedication and commitment to helping vulnerable young people in the borough when he was invited to a reception at 10 Downing Street.

Jilu Miah, a mentor with the Brick Lane Youth Development Association's Shaathi mentoring project, was one of only four volunteers in the country invited to meet Prime Minister Tony Blair and his wife, Cherie.

"Mr Blair welcomed everyone, then delivered a short presentation. I had a brief conversation with him about the kind of work I do and how I got involved," Jilu told East End Life.

"I feel I must be doing something positive for the community for this kind of recognition."

Jobrul Islam, senior manager of BLYDA which mentors and befriends young people at risk of being excluded from mainstream education, said: "We are now getting recognition at all levels for the positive work that we have been doing over the years."

