



## Dr Anwara Ali

Place of Residence: **London**  
Sector: Health and **Politics**

**D**r Anwara Ali daughter of Late Alhaj Jobed Ali and Mrs Solima Khatun, of Sunampur Village, (District Golapgong, Sylhet) came to the UK as a young child and was educated in the UK. Her elder brother Mr Siraj Uddin and sister Shanara Begum also reside in the UK.

In 1997 Dr Anwara Ali graduated from the world renowned, prestigious St. Bartholomew's and Royal London Medical School. She is a GP Principal and Partner at Spitalfields Practice in London. Dr Ali also work's for Tower Hamlets Primary Trust as the Lead GP for Screening and has led various campaigns e.g. Breast and Cervical Cancer screening which has attracted Media attention both Nationally and Locally.

Although Dr Ali is a well recognised and accomplished doctor; she is perhaps better known in the public sphere as a successful local government Councillor and lead member for Adult Health and Wellbeing (LBTH). She initially entered politics as a Labour party candidate in the 2006 local elections. Against all odds, Dr Ali won the Bow West seat despite only entering the election race 8 weeks before the polling date. What makes her victory more impressive is that during the election, she defeated Janet Ludlow, the Liberal Democrat opposition leader in Tower Hamlets, in a seat that had been under the control of the Liberal Democrats for thirty years. Even more astonishing is that Dr Ali and her colleagues achieved the biggest swing (15.6%) to Labour in the whole of London.

Dr Ali is also proud of the fact that she campaigned for Harriet Harman to become deputy leader of the Labour Party in 2007, and Harriet won.

Dr Ali is serving on the Governments `Woman Councillors Task Force` which was recently launched in Admiralty House at Whitehall.



Away from her life as a politician and doctor, Dr Ali can often be found helping her community. She is a patron of the Bow Community Association, as well as a founding member of the award winning Social Action for Health. She also helped to establish the Nisa Association.

Dr Ali also does a considerable amount of media work. She is a presenter on Channel S's celebrated Health is Wealth programme. This show discusses topical health issues and how to reduce health inequalities, especially in the Bangladeshi community. In light of her progressive, insightful programmes, Dr Ali was asked by Tower Hamlets Health Authority to present a series of programme's entitled Communities in Action.

Aside from television appearances, Dr Ali is also a columnist for both The Bangla Mirror and the East London Advertiser.

Dr Ali is married to Reza Ahmed Faisol Choudhury and they have a little boy called Obaid Reza Jaami Al-Choudhury.