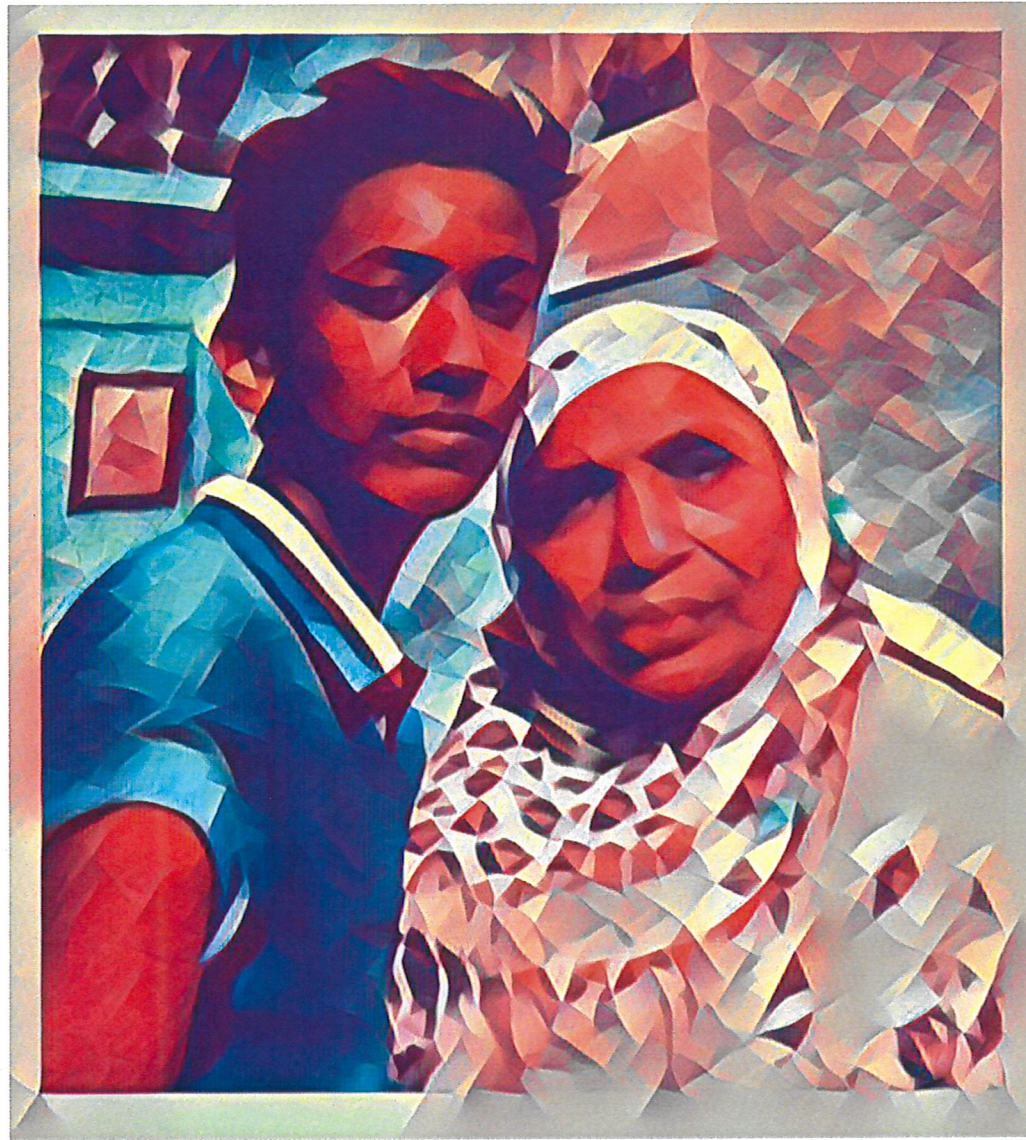




My name is Siddika.
I was born in 1981 in
Bangladesh.
I came to the UK in 2006.
This is my story.



I miss my mum because she is in Bangladesh.
I miss my family too.



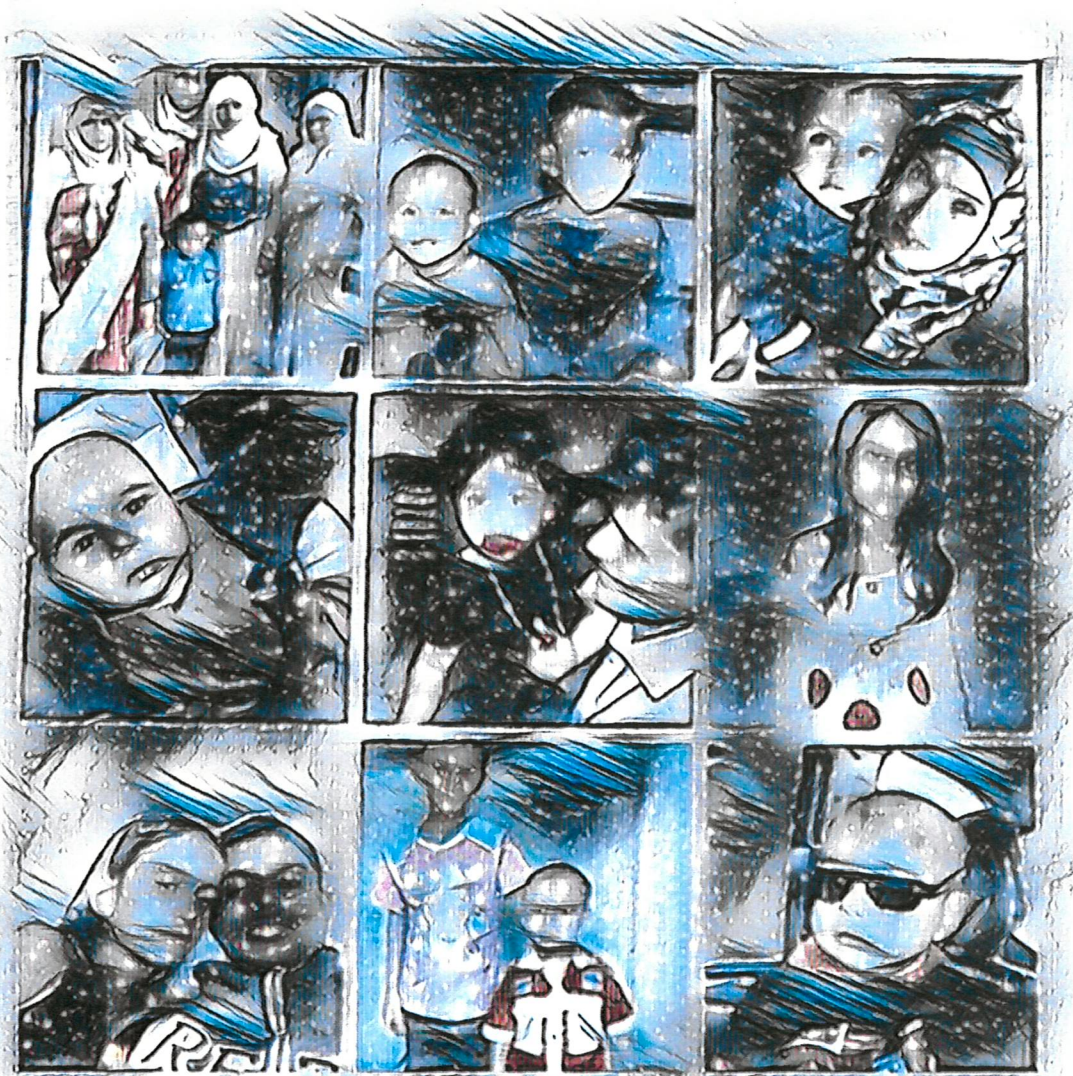
I really miss my dad. He died, but I still have his prayer cap. It helps me to remember him.



I miss my sister. I am a bit naughty and she is quieter. We like buying the same clothes.



These are my five brothers. I miss them all. I'm proud of my brothers: they are very strong. If I have any problems, my middle brother will solve them because he is very clever.



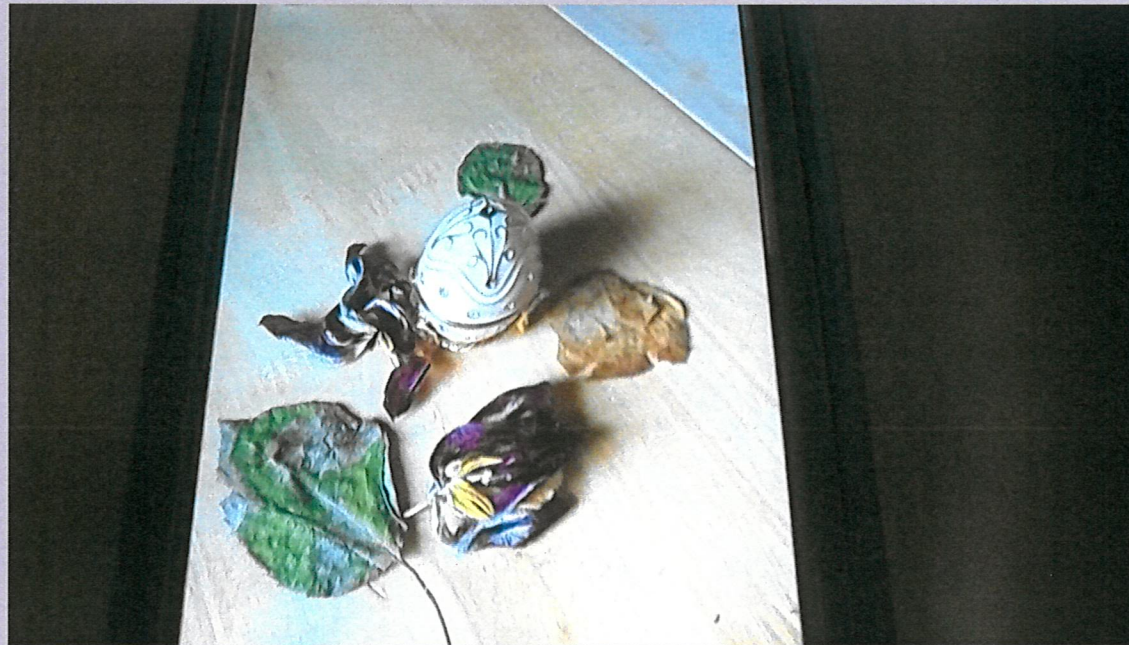
I really miss my nieces and nephews. I love them very much.



I want my family to be together. I don't want to be separated from them.



I have been through many difficulties in my relationship, but I need to be strong for my boys. Things are better now, but I still struggle - sometimes the memories come back.



I still love my husband. This is a gift from our first anniversary in 2008. The last surprise gift he gave me was a rose in 2017.



I have been through many struggles, but I don't complain because the things I have been through make me stronger.

In the future, I imagine my family: my mum, my sister, my brothers, and my nephews and nieces coming here. Finally I am tension-free! I know that if I have any problems, my family will sort them out; they are very supportive.





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In 2017, women from the British Bangladeshi community in Hyde explored their own life stories and the history of their communities through life history, cross-cultural storytelling and digital skills, as well as visits to museums and galleries. They then created digital comics using photographs, drawings and text .

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