

Supporting women and children from Asian communities who experience domestic violence

This one day seminar will explore:

- Creating safe space for Asian women and children who experience domestic violence
- Coping with victims who have No Recourse to Public Funds
- Forced Marriage Prevention Orders and developing local intelligence to prevent forced marriages
- Options for intervention (including Specialist Domestic Violence Courts, MARACs and Muslim Arbitration Tribunals)

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About the seminar

This seminar focuses exclusively on the provision of domestic violence services to women from Asian communities. While all mainstream services (for example the health service, police and local authorities) now take domestic violence incidents much more seriously, and many domestic violence services are better funded, many specialist services to Minority Ethnic women are the losers.

Funding tends to follow mainstream 'services to all' and a number of the UK's specialist projects for Asian women are under threat through lack of funding. This potentially creates a worrying vacuum of expertise as well as a loss of physical and emotional resources where Asian women feel safe and understood.

The purpose of this seminar is to provide the opportunity for a range of professionals who work, or may in the future work, with Asian women and families to focus upon and discuss key issues which affect their clients' wellbeing.

This seminar will retain a practical dynamic and will explore the following topics:

- Alternative approaches to creating safe space for Asian women, and their children, who have experienced domestic violence; this includes making home safe and refuge provision
- How agencies can respond where there is No Recourse to Public Funds
- Initiatives which can be taken by service providers to identify young women at risk and act to prevent forced marriages, including the use of Forced Marriage Prevention Orders
- How effective are the intervention tools available? How effectively do they protect Asian women, children and families? A panel session will consider interventions such as specialist Domestic Violence Courts, the recently recognised Muslim Arbitration Tribunals, and MARACs

The seminar format is designed to encourage delegates to ask questions and make comments, share their own experience and learn from others', and to network with each other and with speakers in the breaks. A variety of materials will also be available to delegates.

Certificates of attendance will be available.

Who should attend

- Domestic violence professionals including advocates and counsellors
- Voluntary sector organisations supporting victims of Domestic Violence
- Specialist police and probation workers
- Child protection social workers and others who work with victims of domestic violence
- Housing providers
- Children's Centres
- Education support and counselling services
- Family support services
- Midwifery and other health services, including mental health services
- Service commissioners and policy makers at local, regional and government levels

Agenda (subject to change)

- 9.30 - 10.00 Registration and coffee
- 10.00 - 10.10 **Welcome and introduction from the Chair:** *Rahni Kaur Binjie*, Project Manager, Roshni Nottingham Asian Women's Aid
- 10.10 - 11.30 **Alternative approaches to creating safe space for women and children who have experienced domestic violence**
- *Ayesha Owens*, Ashram Reducing Domestic Violence Project, Birmingham
 - *Nadira Huda*, Child Protection Coordinator, Tower Hamlets Borough Council
 - Open forum
- 11.30 - 12.00 Coffee
- 12.00 - 1.00 **Forced Marriage Prevention Orders and building local intelligence to prevent forced marriages**
- *David Souch*, Community Cohesion Team, Lancashire Police and *Justin Srivastava*, Community Cohesion Team, Lancashire Police
- 1.00 - 1.50 Lunch
- 1.50 - 2.50 **Domestic violence and No Recourse to Public Funds: duties of social services**
- *Jonathan Price*, Policy and Communications Officer, No Recourse to Public Funds Network (based at London Borough of Islington)
 - Open forum
- 2.50 - 4.00 **Reconciliation, prosecution or neither? How effective are interventions - panel session**
- *Shaykh Faiz Siddiqi*, Muslim Arbitration Tribunal
 - *Lynne Townley*, Crown Advocate, Senior Legal Advisor (Policy), Crown Prosecution Service
 - *Nadira Huda*, Child Protection Coordinator, Tower Hamlets Borough Council
 - Open forum
- 4.00 Closing comments

Delegate fee

Full rate: £150.00 + VAT

Reduced rate: £125.00 + VAT

(limited number of places for small community organisations with fewer than 10 employees)

The delegate fee includes: lunch, refreshments and a delegate pack.

Delegates are welcome to bring materials to share and may apply for free space to exhibit them while available.

To book a place

Paper booking Form: A booking form is enclosed which contains full terms and conditions of booking. Please note in particular the cancellation terms, and highlight any special dietary, access or other requirements.

Complete the form and fax or post it to Central Conference Consultants Ltd.

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Confirmation of your booking

Your booking will be confirmed by email where possible (and by post or fax otherwise), and you will be provided with information on nearby hotel accommodation, transport options and directions to the venue.

Venue

The conference will take place at Nottingham Ice Centre in the Lace Market quarter of Nottingham. It is within easy walking distance from Nottingham rail station (approximately 10 minutes). There is no car parking on site, but there are several nearby public car parks.

Enquiries

If you have any queries about the conference, please contact:

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