

Practice Development Seminar

Forced Marriage, Family Cohesion and Community Engagement

Dr Nazia Khanum**Thursday 22 May 2008****10.00am – 1.00pm****University of Bedfordshire's
Putteridge Bury Campus, Luton**

The recent media coverage of the issue of Forced Marriage has been very much driven by the launch, in March, of “Forced Marriage, Family Cohesion and Community Engagement: National Learning Through a Case Study of Luton”. This Home Office funded research project was conducted by Dr Nazia Khanum.

Dr. Khanum has an MA in Political Science from the University of Dhaka in Bangladesh, and a PhD in History from the University of London. Having acquired extensive experience and skills at senior management levels in five English local authorities (Ealing, Tower Hamlets, Bedfordshire, GLC and ILEA) and having worked in community empowerment/capacity building with many diverse community groups since 1983, she set up in 1996 an independent consultancy in Equal Opportunities/Diversity Management, Research and Training. In a voluntary capacity Dr Khanum has been working with diverse communities for over 20 years. She has been awarded an OBE, and holds an honorary doctorate from University of Bedfordshire, for her services to equal opportunities and community relations. As part of her public

service, she serves the wider community and also specific disadvantaged groups through her membership of many different public bodies and voluntary organisations. Currently she is a Specialist Adviser to the Enquiry being conducted by the Home Affairs Select Committee into Domestic Violence, Forced Marriage and Honour-Based Violence.

In this seminar, Dr Khanum will:

- define the terms used to describe a set of practices that constitute forced marriage;
- set out both the national and local context in which forced marriage occurs;
- using case studies from her research, arm practitioners with the confidence to better identify, and respond to, this form of domestic violence;
- make recommendations for statutory, voluntary and community organisations – in order to support victims, and eradicate the practice.



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