

UK EVENTS

To coincide with the Government's proposed consultation paper due this spring, setting out proposals to prevent domestic violence, a number of events are taking place across the UK:

**Behind Closed Doors Network Meeting
Oxford Town Hall, Friday 14 February,
10.00am**

Hosted by the Thames Valley Partnership, this is a meeting for practitioners working in the field of domestic violence. The agenda includes the discussion of new practices and review of the current situation with specialist agencies in the Thames Valley region.

Domestic Violence Roadshows for the Asian Community

This conference began as a joint initiative of the Northern Circuit Domestic Violence Group (NCDVG) and Blackburn and Darwen Borough Council as a way for the NCDVG to engage everyone in the Northern Circuit community in improving the response to domestic violence by the family, and by the civil and criminal justice systems. Interest in the first event, which was held in Blackburn in October 2002, was so widespread that several other organisations have offered to host similar events in venues across the UK:

- 18 February 2003 – Glaxo Smith Kline Headquarters, London
- April 2003 – West Yorkshire Police, Bradford
- June 2003 – Welsh Assembly/South Wales Police, Cardiff
- September 2003 – Scottish Executive, Edinburgh
- November 2003 – Birmingham

**Raising The Standards
Cardiff, Thursday 20 to Friday 21 February**

Raising The Standards is an Inter-Governmental initiative to help address domestic violence throughout the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland by sharing information on policy initiatives, co-ordinating research and developing good practice to mutually raise the standards of services to victims.

**Improving Intervention And Support
Barbican Centre, Central London, Tuesday 25
February 2003**

A major one-day conference supported by NACRO (National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders) and Women's Aid, with the keynote address delivered by Barbara Roche, MP.