

IMPROVING BME ENGAGEMENT & REPRESENTATION

A SEMINAR

Criminal Justice Agencies & Change



**POLICE, PROSECUTIONS, COURTS,
PROBATION & PRISON SERVICES**

DATE:

**Monday 1st December 2008
5.30 - 8.00pm**

VENUE:

**Garden Court Chambers
59-60 Lincoln Inn Fields
London
WC2A 3LS**

Seminar organised by
The Monitoring Group &
The Asian Health Agency



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The Seminar organised jointly by The Monitoring Group and The Asian Health Agency. It will focus on:

- the response of these agencies to the BME communities' needs
- the current policies of CJ agencies designed to engage with BME communities
- BME representations within these structures and institutions
- Good practice models

Over the last decade, triggered by the Lawrence Report recommendations - the Criminal Justice agencies – police, prosecutions, courts, probations and prisons – have been forced to acknowledge the problem of institutional racism, both within their own structures and at their service delivery frameworks. Indeed, given the gravity of the problem the Government was forced to change existing legislation and create an additional duty to promote good community relations. As a consequence the agencies have been under pressure to change and become more transparent and accountable.

The seminar will bring together key players from both the sides to discuss critical issues including:

- *What is the role of BME sector in this process of change and engagement?*
- *What can the BME communities do to shape a new future where their needs are addressed properly?*
- *How can we effectively tackle institutional racism & inequalities?*

Keynote speakers will address & provide an insight to some of these critical issues within their particular service and or sector

The Seminar is targeted at: Criminal Justice System agencies, NGO's, community & voluntary sector, Local Government officers, Housing/RSLs sector, students, academics & others.

Costs per delegate

FREE but spaces are limited so please book to make sure you get a place.

Programme

5.00pm:

Arrivals/Tea & Coffee

5.30-8.00pm:

Keynote Speakers & Contributors

Peter Herbert

Barrister, Circuit Judge, Chair of MPS Race Hate Crime Forum

Dru Sharpling

Chief Crown Prosecutor for London

Daksha Mistry

Head of Diversity, The Home Office

Chitra Karve

Head of Diversity and Equality, Probation Service

Suresh Grover

The Monitoring Group

Balraj Purewal

The Asian Health Agency

Questions & Answers after each speaker

Open Discussion at end

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Position Held _____ Organisation _____

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_____ Postcode _____

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Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Photocopy and complete for each additional participant

COMPLETE and post this form to:

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