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'Domestic Abuse Affects Every Aspect of Health'



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Roxane Agnew-Davies MA(Hons),
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Roxane Agnew-Davies is a specialist in the impact of domestic violence on mental health. She is the Mental Health Advisor to the Greater London Domestic Violence Project, and a specialist advisor to and a member of the Expert Group on Domestic Violence for the Department of Health. For five years she was Head of Psychological Services for Women at Refuge, the national charity for women and children experiencing or escaping domestic violence. Dr Agnew-Davies was commissioned by the Department of Health to produce guidance for mental health professionals on psychological support for women experiencing domestic violence. As chair of HEVAN (Health Ending Violence & Abuse Now), she was also commissioned to produce a manual for training health professionals, now available on the Home office website. Roxane Agnew-Davies is a consultant to numerous agencies and trains on domestic violence at local and national levels. She is also a member of the current Department of Health Task Force on Domestic Violence.

In addition this conference will feature ground breaking work from the Northwest of England, where the Domestic Violence partnership has launched the country's first online site dedicated to the reporting of domestic violence direct to the police. The ground breaking website - www.NotinMyHome.co.uk is being managed by Derwent and Solway Housing Association's Project ASIA (Access to Services Information and Advice), and their Business Development Manager - Nic Kennon who will provide practical advice, and share information about its future development and demonstrate the system.

Accident and Emergency departments are at the forefront of treating domestic abuse victims. Chelmsford based, NHS Specialist practitioner Stephen Hynes is involved in safeguarding and treating patients and will provide delegates with a practical overview of challenges and best practice as medical professionals interface with domestic abuse victims.