

Genetic Services for Communities Practising Cousin Marriage

**A one-day conference
Thursday 23rd October 2008, 9.30 am to 4.30 pm
Norcroft Centre, University of Bradford**

About the conference

Practised within at least 20% of communities worldwide, consanguineous marriage is an aspect of the diverse kinship patterns in multi-ethnic Britain. Linked to an increased prevalence of inherited autosomal recessive disorders, it raises issues about the nature and delivery of genetic and related health and social care services.

This conference presents, alongside other current initiatives, the findings of a qualitative study funded by the Department of Health. The study examined the potential of family networks as a resource for genetic testing and counselling in a community practising cousin marriage. Additionally, through a series of workshops, delegates will be encouraged to share their own experience and consider issues of local and national relevance.

Who should attend?

- Health Service managers
- Public Health staff
- Practitioners in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Care
- Voluntary Sector advisors
- Researchers
- Equality and Diversity leads and practitioners

Time and venue

The conference will be held at the Norcroft Centre, on the University of Bradford's City campus, from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm on Thursday 23rd October 2008. Full joining instructions will be sent to registered participants.

Poster presentations

If you would like to present a poster, please indicate on the booking form.

Booking procedure

Attendance is free of charge, but places must be booked using the form overleaf. Lunch and light refreshments are provided, and all participants will receive a delegate pack which will include a copy of a Health Professional's Guide to Genetics and Consanguineous Marriage. To reserve a place, please return the form by 2 October 2008 to: *Events Bradford, Norcroft Centre, University of Bradford, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD7 1DP, fax: (01274) 233218.*

Cancellation

If, having booked a place, you find you cannot attend, please inform us as soon as possible so that we can re-allocate your place and avoid wastage of food and hand-outs.

Enquiries

Enquiries about the content of the conference should be addressed to Dr Aamra Darr, telephone 07824 416820 or (01274) 236120; email a.r.darr@bradford.ac.uk. For booking enquiries, please contact Events Bradford at the University of Bradford: telephone (01274) 233217/233216; email: events@bradford.ac.uk; fax: (01274) 233218.

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Thursday 23rd October - Programme

- 09.30-10.00 **Registration and poster viewing**
- 10.00-10.15 **Welcome and Introduction from Chair:**
Professor Waqar Ahmad, Deputy Vice Chancellor Research and Enterprise, Middlesex University
- The consanguinity debate**
Professor Waqar Ahmad
- 10.15-10.40 **Consanguineous marriage in the context of community genetics: global and national perspectives**
Professor Bernadette Modell, Emeritus Professor of Community Genetics, University College, London
- 10.40-11.25 **Exploring the potential of family networks as a resource for genetic testing and counselling in a community with a preference for cousin marriage**
Dr Aamra Darr, Senior Research Fellow, School of Health Studies, University of Bradford
- 11.25-11.45 **Refreshments and poster viewing**
- 11.45-12.10 **Community-based, hospital-linked, genetic services for consanguineous families: DH service intervention in Blackburn**
Naz Khan, Genetic Counsellor, Manchester Regional Genetic Centre
- 12.10-12.35 **Intergenerational attitudes to consanguinity in Birmingham**
Dr Jacky Chambers, Director of Public Health, Heart of Birmingham Teaching PCT
- 12.35-13.00 **Patterns of family relationships identified in the Born in Bradford study**
Professor Neil Small, Academic Director, Born in Bradford
- 13.00-14.00 **Lunch and poster viewing**
- 14.00-15.00 **Workshops:**
- A **Genetics in Primary Care**
Prof Bernadette Modell and Dr Judith Hayward, GPwSI: genetics, Bradford tPCT
- B **Genetics in Secondary and Tertiary Care**
Dr Peter Corry, Consultant Paediatrician, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Dr Helen Kingston, Consultant Geneticist, Manchester Regional Genetic Centre
- C **Community engagement in genetics within existing health and social care structures**
Dr Aamra Darr and Ann Hobbiss, Co-ordinator, Bradford and Airedale Infant Mortality Commission
- D **Islam and reproductive choice in genetics**
Dr Karl Atkin, Senior Lecturer in Ethnicity and Health, University of York and Mufti Zubair Butt, Senior Shari'ah Advisor, Institute of Islamic Jurisprudence, Bradford
- 15.00-15.20 **Refreshments and poster viewing**
- 15.20-16.20 **Panel discussion**
- 16.20-16.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
- 16.30 **Close**

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Thursday 23rd October - Booking form

I wish to book place(s) on this conference
(please attach names of additional participants on a separate sheet or copy of the booking form)

Surname/family name: Ms/Mr etc

First (given) name(s):

Organisation:

Job title:

Address for correspondence:

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..... Postcode:

Tel: Fax:

Email:

Please indicate the workshop (A, B, C and D) you wish to attend in order of preference:

.....1st choice2nd choice3rd choice4th choice

I would like to exhibit a poster of my work relevant to the conference

(Posters should not be larger than A0 size)

Please give details of any requirements, eg regarding diet, mobility, communication etc:

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Please tick if you would like us to contact you regarding these requirements

Please tick if you would like to receive details of similar events organised by the participating institutions

Signature: Date:

Return to:

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