

Behind Closed Doors: an evaluation of feedback

“Incredibly powerful session that makes you think and want to act.”
British Airways

The aims of Behind Closed Doors were to

- support the Government’s strategy to end violence
- raise the profile of the City of London Police’s including Public Protection Unit and Vulnerable Victims Coordinator (VVC) and the services they offer
- showcase true partnership working and sharing of best practice
- highlight the employers responsibilities and duty of care they have towards employees in relation to abuse and help reduce crime
- put an end to secondary victimisation in the workplace
- show what abuse looks like, how it manifests in the workplace and how employers can support their staff who are victims of abuse and understand reporting pathway
- remove myths and stereotypes that exist around victims of abuse
- identify how abuse can impact industry

Those attending the event feedback positively about their experience, with over 85% of feedback stating the event was extremely useful and 100% of people saying they would recommend this event to other colleagues.

“A great session that I would recommend to any HR professional. It has made me think about how I should respond to a victim or perpetrator of domestic abuse or stalking as an employer.”
American Express

Focusing on securing a balance between practical information and the emotional impact of the reality of domestic abuse and stalking was celebrated in feedback.

Receiving an overwhelming recommendation to repeat this event to others mean Forum could repeat the event in the future or use the Behind the Scenes as a launch pad for further work to promote domestic abuse and personal safety agendas.

Next steps

It is important for the Safer City Partnership to build on the success of this event in its promotion of support for people experiencing domestic abuse or stalking.

Actively promoting the personal safety for City of London workers can be done through a range of ways. Priority should be given to the following:

- Domestic abuse policy support staff who work in the City of London
- Training on how to support staff and links with the Hotel Toolkit
- Meeting with interested parties to develop internal awareness campaigns
- Raising awareness of local support
- Media work

“Very well put together – amazing how much you covered in the time. Thought provoking and makes you want to move into action to prevent domestic abuse and stalking.”
AMC plc



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