Honour-Based Violence and Forced Marriage

Introduction

This course will increase your understanding of the issues surrounding 'honour-based' violence and forced marriage. It will also help you handle situations appropriately where this abuse has occurred or might occur.

Audience

The course aims to help anyone who works with children or has regular contact with children to recognise and respond to situations where abuse linked to 'honour-based' violence and forced marriage has occurred or may occur.

For example, those who work in schools, healthcare, social care, faith organisations, community groups or the police.

Objectives

In the course you will:

- Understand what is meant by 'honour'
- Understand what it means to communities
- Understand where it comes from
- Know how big the problem is
- Know what is forced marriage, 'honour-based' violence and 'honour' killings
- Know how big a problem it is in the UK
- Know who is most at risk
- Understand what the family's motives are
- Know what the aggravating factors are
- Understand what the impact on the victim is
- Learn about the barriers to change
- Know the law in relation to 'honour-based' crimes
- Learn about the indicators
- Know when victims are most at risk

Modules

This course contains the following modules:

Module name
Understanding the community
What are forced marriage and honour-based violence?
The victims and perpetrators
Barriers to change
Challenges for the professional

Content

Here are a few of the topics covered in this course:

Not a minor crime | Sexual 'honour' | What is 'honour'? | Losing 'honour'? | Immoral acts? | The origins of 'honour' | So what's the problem? | Current attitudes | Self-perpetuating phenomenon | The right to marry | What is forced marriage? | Reported honour killings | Is forced marriage illegal? | A gender issue? | Forced marriage and arranged marriage | What is 'honour-crime'? | 'Honour-based' violence and domestic abuse | Different motivations | Are things getting better? | A real and serious problem | The victim's mindset | The victims | Who is most at risk? | What is a parent's motivation? | Religion | Aggravating factors | Abuses related to forced marriage | Abuses after forced marriage | Rape | Abandonment | The victim's predicament | The psychological impact on the victim | The future for victims and their children | The future for the victim's children | Why don't they run away? | After running away | Persistent attitudes | Communities blocking change | Deterrents to women fleeing abuse | Escape deterrents | Difficulty getting religious divorces | Government failures | What is the law? | The law and forced marriage | New legislation and penalties | What should professionals look out for? | Less common warning signs | The 'one chance' rule | Case study: Medya at school | Case study: Medya and Social services | Case study: on reflection

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