

# 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