

# Safeguarding Reflection

## Honour Based Violence and Forced Marriage

### Definition

**Honour based violence** is a **violent crime or incident** which may have been committed to **protect or defend** the honour of the **family or community**.

It is often linked to family members who believe someone has brought shame to their family or community by doing something that is not in keeping with the **traditional beliefs** of their culture.

### Honour based violence might be committed against people who:

become involved with a person from a different culture or religion

**want to get out of an arranged or forced marriage**

wear clothes or take part in activities that might not be considered traditional

Wear western clothes

Are gay or lesbian

Loss of virginity

Pregnancy

Reporting domestic violence

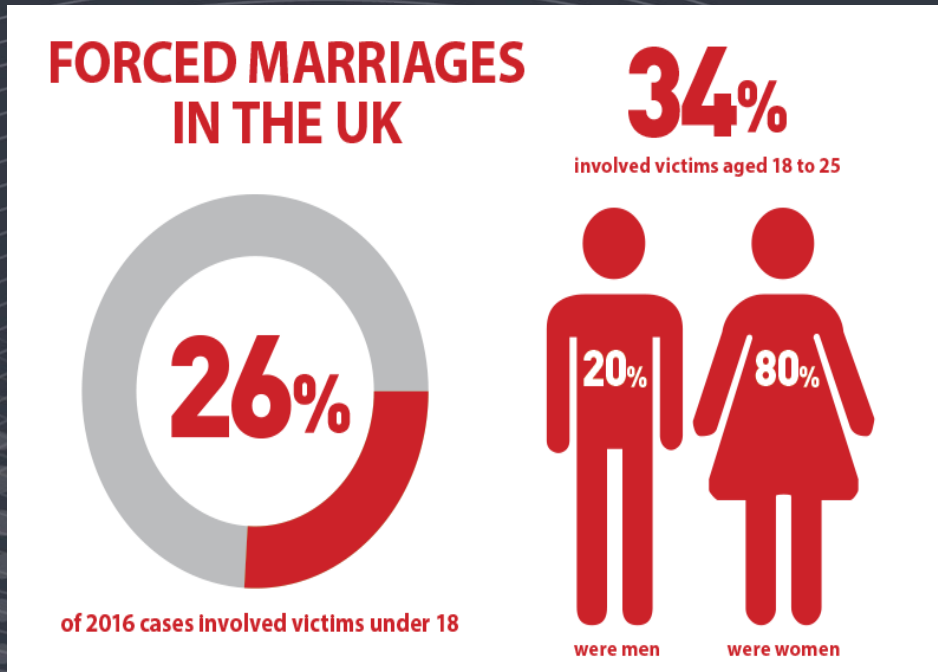
Attempting to divorce

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**Forced marriage** is when you face **physical pressure to marry** (for example, threats, physical violence or sexual violence) or **emotional and psychological pressure** (eg if you're made to feel like you're bringing shame on your family).



A forced marriage is very **different to an arranged marriage**, which both people will have agreed to.

There is **no religion that says it is right to force you into a marriage** and you are not betraying your faith by refusing such a marriage.



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**Women and girls** are the **most common victims** of honour based violence however it can also affect men and boys.

**Crimes of 'honour' do not always include violence.**

Crimes committed in the name of 'honour' might include:

- domestic abuse
- threats of violence
- sexual or psychological abuse
- **forced marriage**
- being held against your will or taken somewhere you don't want to go
- assault

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Right To Choose: Spotting the signs of forced marriage: Azim

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### Rubie's Story



Rubie's Story - Forced Marriages and Honour Based Abuse

<https://youtu.be/hObICnCK-Fc>



# Our Responsibility

- Schools have a duty of care; this includes ensuring that children view school as a safe retreat.
- Staff must make a DSL aware of any concerns regarding students' health and safety.
- All staff members have the responsibility to identify children at potential risk.
- Our focus on mental health and wellbeing