

FORCED MARRIAGE DESTROYS LIVES

Everyone has the **Right2Choose**

1 in 4 

women will experience **domestic abuse**

500,000

estimated incidents of **domestic abuse every year** across UK.

 **2**

women are **murdered every week** due to domestic abuse

Forced marriage is a **criminal offence**



12 woman are murdered **every year** due to 'honour' killings in the UK - this is just the tip of the iceberg



17,000 WOMEN IN BRITAIN are estimated to have been subjected to '**honour**' related abuse.

80%

of cases handled by the Forced Marriage Unit in 2015 involved female victims.

60%

were from South Asian backgrounds.

48%

of all cases involved **young people aged 16 – 25**

FORCED MARRIAGE IS A CRIMINAL OFFENCE IN THE UK

— IF YOU SUSPECT SOMEONE IS BEING FORCED INTO MARRIAGE —

DO

- **Believe** what they tell you
- **Reassure** confidentiality
- **Speak** to the individual alone in a secure and private place
- **Respect** and recognise the individual's wishes
- **Ensure** the individual is dealt with in a appropriate and sensitive way
- **Arrange** for an independent interpreter who speaks the dialect and language of the individual if necessary.
- **Contact** the FMU or Police for more information or assistance
- **Provide** the individual with contact details of a member of staff, The Sharan Project, the FMU or the Police

DON'T

- **Speak** to the individual's family or community if you have concerns, this may put the individual at significant risk of harm
- **Rely** on family or community members to act as an interpreter for you
- **Share** information with anyone, unless you have the individual's consent
- **Allow** the individual to leave the premises with members of their family or community if you believe they may be in danger
- **Attempt** to mediate between parties or between an individual and their family. Mediation can be extremely dangerous and can put the individual in grave danger.
- **Decide** it is not your responsibility to follow up the concern

ONE CHANCE RULE:

You may have only one chance to support an Individual



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