**Additional Honour Based Abuse (HBA) Risk Questions**

**(Only to be used if you suspect Honour Based Abuse)**

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Honour Based Abuse can take many forms, including child marriage, virginity testing, enforced abortion, forced marriage, female genital mutilation, as well as physical, sexual and economic abuse and coercive control, even resulting in murder and can have some degree of approval and/or collusion from family and/or community members.

There is no current statutory definition of Honour Based Abuse however, forced marriage became a criminal offence in 2014. Forced marriage can involve physical, emotional, economic and sexual abuse including being held unlawfully captive and can include coercive and controlling behaviour.

On 27th February 2023, it also states that it is an offence to carry out any conduct for the purpose of causing a child to enter a marriage before the child’s eighteenth birthday (whether the conduct amounts to violence, threats, any other form of coercion or deception).

If you have concerns regarding honour-based abuse, please look to complete the DASH found at [Domestic abuse resources – Professional resources](https://professionals.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/209/domestic-abuse-resources) along with the 10 questions below on the H-DASH that are an important subset of questions to ask as per the <https://www.dashriskchecklist.com/resources/honour-based-abuse> suggests.

**Specialist support services:**

Karma Nirvana 0800 5999 247 (for further information, visit [www.karmanirvana.org.uk](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.karmanirvana.org.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7CLara.Iggulden%40lincolnshire.gov.uk%7Ca36b5043fb99408481a408dc75875df5%7Cb4e05b92f8ce46b59b2499ba5c11e5e9%7C0%7C0%7C638514471495123609%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=InG1Uub%2BOYJCHMKS4fIDFz8Tih%2FPw45tY0T3%2BAkJ%2BB0%3D&reserved=0)

Halo Project 01642683045 [Honour Based Violence in the UK (haloproject.org.uk)](https://www.haloproject.org.uk/honour-based-violence-W21page-3)

Solace Womens Aid specialist traveller support project **08088025565** [The Irish Traveller Project - Solace Womens Aid](https://www.solacewomensaid.org/our-services/irish-traveller-project/)

Jewish Women’s Aid 08088010500 [Jewish Women's Aid (jwa.org.uk)](https://www.jwa.org.uk/)

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE ONE CHANCE RULE FOR DISCLOSURE – THIS COULD BE THE ONLY TIME SOMEONE DISCLOSES ABUSE OR THAT A PROFESSIONAL CAN SPEAK TO THAT PERSON FREELY. USE PROFESSIONAL CURIOSITY TO BUILD A CLEAR PICTURE OF RISK.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE QUESTONS SHOULD BE ASKED WITH SENSITIVITY AND LIKELY WILL BRING OUT AN EMOTIVE RESPONSE.**

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| **The Context and details of what is happening is very important.**  **Tick the relevant box and PLEASE add the details** | **Yes** | **No** | **Don’t**  **Know** | **State source of info if not the reporting person** |
| **1. Are you missing lessons/work and is your attendance affected?** |  |  |  |  |
| **2. Is there evidence of self-harm for the victim?** |  |  |  |  |
| **3. Are you being held/kept at home? Is your behaviour/activity being policed?** |  |  |  |  |
| **4.** **Are you frightened of being forced into a marriage?**  **Have you been forced into a marriage?** |  |  |  |  |
| **5.** **Are you frightened of being taken abroad? Or threats made to take you abroad?** |  |  |  |  |
| **6. If the victim is aged between 16-18, ask if they are at risk of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)?**  **OR**  **If they are an adult, have they had FGM performed/been cut?**  **OR**  **Are they a male and at risk of Male Genital Mutilation (MGM) or had MGM performed?** |  |  |  |  |
| **7. Are you in a relationship that is not approved of by the family/community?** |  |  |  |  |
| **8. Have you ever been accused of witchcraft, or spirit possession and any discussions around exorcism on yourself?** |  |  |  |  |
| **9. Are there threats your child(ren) will be taken away/taken abroad?** |  |  |  |  |
| **10.** **Are you reliant on ( ) to live? Do you have No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)?** |  |  |  |  |
| Insert any other relevant information below, for example: duration of HBA, various behaviours engaged in by perpetrator(s), details of threats and violence, your beliefs concerning the perpetrator's(s) motives and when it started, weapons owned by the perpetrator(s), and attitude/demeanour of perpetrator(s) including mental health issues. | | | | |

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