



Harmful Traditional Practices (HTP), Honour Based Abuse (HBA) and Forced Marriage (FM) Procedure

Supporting Documents

[Violence Against Women and Girls Communications Insight Pack](#)

[APP for Forced Marriage and Honour Based abuse.](#)

[The Right to Choose: Multi-agency Statutory Guidance for Dealing with Forced Marriage](#)

[Homepage - Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership.](#)

[HBA Specialist Support Agencies](#)

[Multi-agency practice guidelines: Handling cases of Forced Marriage](#)

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1. The National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) definition of Honour Based Abuse (HBA) is: 'an incident or crime involving violence, threats of violence, intimidation, coercion or abuse (including psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional abuse), which has or may have been committed to protect or defend the honour of an individual, family and or community for alleged or perceived breaches of the family and/or community's code of behaviour'.
2. HBA is a reaction to what is perceived as immoral behaviour that brings shame on the family or community. HBA is normally associated with cultures and communities from Asia, the Middle East and Africa as well as Gypsies and Travellers. It also occurs in communities in part of Europe and Eastern Europe. In reality, HBA cuts across all cultures, nationalities, faith groups and communities and transcends national and international boundaries.
3. Groups at risk include Pakistani, Indian, Bangladeshi, Kurdish, Afghani, Turkish, African, Middle Eastern, **some European, Brethren, Travelling and**

Gypsy Romany Traveller (GRT) communities, although this is not an exhaustive list.

4. This procedure is a step by step guide to follow when dealing with an incident of Harmful Traditional Practice (HTP) Honour Based Abuse (HBA) / Forced Marriage (FM). It should be used in conjunction with the policies and procedures listed in the Associated Documents section of this procedure.