



HELP..... How much of a problem is Forced Marriage, Honour Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation in Gloucestershire?

Can you help the Multi Agency Honour Based Violence Sub Group find out the answer to this question?

Following the Forced Marriage, Honour Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation Conference held in March 2010 by Safer Gloucester Partnership a sub group has been formed to address these issues from a strategic perspective. The current focus of this sub group is to scope the prevalence of Honour Based Violence, Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation. Please see definitions provided below;

Honour Based Violence (HBV): Honour based violence is a crime or incident, which has or may have been committed to protect or defend the honour of the family and /or community.

Forced Marriage (FM): A Forced Marriage is a marriage in which one or both spouses do not (or in the case of some adults with support needs, cannot) consent to the marriage and duress involved. Duress can include physical, psychological, financial, sexual, emotional pressure.

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM): Female Genital Mutilation includes all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non medical reasons.

In line with Women's International Day on Tuesday 8th March 2011 the group are launching a monitoring form which they are asking all agencies to complete so that they can scope how many incidents of these types there have been historically and are currently in County. The group asks that professionals complete this form when they believe and/or suspect that Honour Based Violence, Forced Marriage, or Female Genital Mutilation has occurred in the last 5 years or is of imminent risk. **If any of these issues are of imminent risk the group strongly advises that the reporting agency/person informs the police.**

Anyone will be able to access the monitoring form, there is a link to the HBV Monitoring Form from Safer Gloucester Partnership and there will be links on the following websites in the near future; Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children's Board and Gloucestershire Constabulary.

All completed forms will be used for monitoring purposes only, NOT referrals. Forms will need to be sent directly to Faye Kamara, Strategic County Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Co-ordinator at faye.kamara@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk