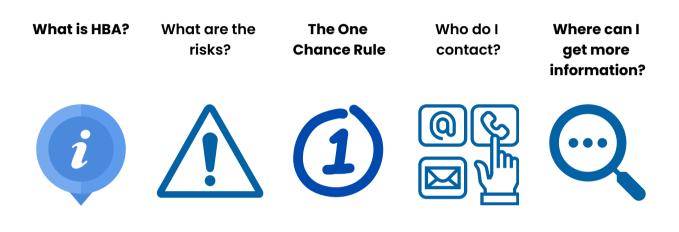


'Honour' Based Abuse (HBA)

Policy and Practice Guidance 2023



South West Child Protection Procedures

South Gloucestershire Child Protection Procedures can be found on the South West Child Protection Procedures (SWCPP) <u>website</u>. '**Honour' Based Abuse procedures are available <u>here</u>.** This two page guidance document must be read alongside the SWCPP procedure.

What is HBA? 'Honour' based abuse/violence is a collection of practices, which are used to control behaviour within families or other social groups to protect perceived cultural and religious beliefs and/or honour. This abuse can occur when perpetrators perceive that a relative has shamed the family and / or community by breaking their honour. Behaviours that could be seen to transgress concepts of honour and risk retribution include: Inappropriate make up or dress Existence of a boyfriend/perceived unsuitable relationship Rejecting a forced marriage Pregnancy outside of marriage Kissing or intimacy in public Drug or alcohol use

What are the risks?

There are many more indicators - <u>click here</u>

The One Chance Rule Vou may only have one chance to speak to a potential victim and therefore may only have one chance to save a life. This means that all practitioners need to be aware of their responsibilities and obligations when they come across these cases. If the victim is allowed to walk out of the door without support being offered, that one chance might be wasted.

Who do I contact?

Any suspicion or disclosure of violence or abuse against a child in the name of honour should be treated equally seriously as any other suspicion or disclosure or significant harm against a child. There are significant differences in the immediate response required. Involving families can be dangerous

Contact the ART Team 01454 866000

Make a report to Avon & Somerset Police here

If you suspect a child may be in immediate danger, you should dial <u>999</u> immediately

Full Guidance is available on the South West Child Protection Procedures<u>here</u> DASH Risk Checklist - consider referral to MARAC

Karma Nirvana charity supporting victims and survivors of honour based abuse and forced marriage Our Girl website

Forced Marriage Service

Where can I get more information?

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