

# Building Capacity

## Safeguarding training and development

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## Honour Based Abuse (HBA)

**Good To Know..** Honour Based Abuse (previously Honour Based Violence) featured as an update in KCSiE 2020

So called 'honour' based crimes can include female genital mutilation (please refer to our Safeguarding policy)

Watch this short You Tube clip (3mins) for an interesting real-life testimony.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmDjddEJL1M&feature=youtu.be>

### What is Honour Based Abuse?

There is currently no statutory definition of Honour Based Abuse:

Honour based abuse is where a person is punished by their family/community for allegedly undermining what they believe to be the correct code of behaviour. Can be distinguished from other forms of abuse, as it is often committed with some degree of approval and/or collusion from family and/or community members.

The National Police Chiefs' Council's definition of Honour based Abuse 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 or community for alleged or perceived breaches of the family and/or community's codes of behaviour*'.

Restoring honour or 'izzat' is viewed as being more important than anything else.

### What is Dowry?

Dowry is the tradition of providing gifts, money, goods or parental property from the bride's family to the groom or in-laws before, during or any time after the marriage.

Dowry is practiced amongst many communities including South Asian, Christian and Buddhist. The British Asian wedding industry is worth £3billion a year and the average Asian wedding costs £50-£250k compared with the average British wedding costing £21k. Such investment in Asian weddings reflects the importance of dowry and the investments made by families.

### What is the difference between an honour killing and domestic homicide?

#### Honour Killing

- Carefully planned. Prepared. Premeditated. Rarely spontaneous.
- Plans involve multiple family members/extended community. Organised Crime.
- 'Dishonoured' family and brought 'shame' upon it
- Barbaric ferocity –raped, stoned, acid attacks, decapitated
- Killing is condoned by the community and many supporters of the actions. Even if people are not vocal, through their silence they are encouraging it as no one is saying it is wrong.
- No remorse – try to restore lost honour.

#### Domestic Homicide

- Often unplanned and spontaneous.
- Stabbed/beaten/strangulation.
- One person with no family complicity.
- Jealousy/financial hardship/alcohol/drugs/MH.

Typical victim profile: Shafilea Ahmed 14.7.86 – 11.9.03

- Murdered by her parents in her home town of Warrington in 2003 – her parents concealed the body in Cumbria
- Her parents objected to her socialising, having 'western' friends and having contact with boys
- Shafilea describes in poetry how she felt locked between two cultures
- She was taken abroad to be married and attempted suicide to avoid marriage
- She returned home but was later reported missing by her school
- She was murdered in front of her siblings and her parents made the siblings keep the murder a secret
- Her sister finally told the police seven years later



Nb: Shafilea is a typical case – she ran away from home and went to many different agencies for help including the police, health, education and children’s services, none of which provided the help she needed.

**Must Know..**

**ONE CHANCE RULE**

Staff at TBGS are aware of the 'One Chance' Rule' in relation to Honour Based Abuse, forced marriage and Female Genital Mutilation. Staff recognise they may only have **'one chance'** to speak to a student who is a potential victim and have just **one chance** to save a life. Staff are aware that if the victim is not offered support following disclosure that the **'one chance'** opportunity may be lost. Therefore, all staff are aware of their responsibilities and obligations when they become aware of potential forced marriage, FGM and HBA cases.

TBGS Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy (P35-37)

**My level of knowledge & understanding**

None		Basic			Satisfactory		Good		Secure	
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

**Important!** Now that you have completed the reading, please follow the link, find your name and enter a score for your level of understanding (both pre/post training).

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