



Forced Marriages Policy

This Policy outlines our approach to supporting victims of forced marriages, how we will carry out our work and how we intend to provide support and assistance to people at risk of or experiencing domestic abuse.

A forced marriage can have a significant impact on the victim. As with our Domestic Abuse, Safeguarding Children/Young People and Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy and Toolkits the initial response from staff is very important (See relevant Policy). It is also vital that key external agencies work together to support the victim.

Regulation and Legislation

In fulfilling its obligations under this Policy, the organisation will comply with all legislation and regulations as appropriate. The following Acts apply:

- Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007
- Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014
- Housing Act 1988
- Housing Act 1996
- Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003
- Family Law Act 1996
- Domestic Violence Crime and Victims Act 2004
- Protection from Harassment Act 1997
- Matrimonial Causes Act 1973
- Children Act 1989
- Children Act 2004
- Adoption and Children Act 2002
- Data Protection Act 2004

PROTECTED

Our Forced Marriages Policy will ensure that customers will be treated as individuals and with fairness and respect, reflecting our Equality and Diversity Strategy and Policy.