

Forced marriage and Honour Based Violence Support Agencies

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Bangladeshi Women's Centre - 0161 257 3867

Advice, information and support for Bangladeshi women including the issues of domestic abuse, forced marriage and 'honour' based violence. Other areas covered include welfare rights, housing, health, education and training, employment and immigration and nationality.

Henna Foundation - 02920 498600/496920

Henna Foundation is a registered charity that whose work involves supporting and seeking assistance to protect victims of 'honour' related crime, abuses & violence including cases of Forced marriages.

Honour Network (Karma Nirvana) - 0800 5999 247

The Honour Network helpline is a confidential helpline providing emotional and practical support and advice for victims and survivors (male & female) of forced marriage and/or 'honour' based violence and abuse.

Independent Choices - 0161 636 7534

This is a voluntary organisation promoting the rights and meeting the needs of women who have experienced domestic abuse. Supports victims and provides a help line facility and refuge accommodation.

Iranian and Kurdish Women' Rights Organisation (IKWRO) - 020 7490 0303

Provides support and advice in Arabic, Kurdish, Turkish and Farsi to women, girls and men living in Britain, in areas including domestic abuse and 'honour' based issues.

Saheli - 0161 945 4187

Saheli is an organisation for Asian women run by Asian women. Saheli provides emergency, temporary refuge accommodation to South Asian women and their children who are fleeing domestic abuse situations. The refuge offers a children's service to ensure that children's needs are met, for example through play session and one to one work.

Southall Black Sisters - 020 8571 9595 (10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm)

This is a resource centre offering information, advice, advocacy, practical help, counselling, and support to black and minority women experiencing domestic abuse. Southall Black Sisters specialise in forced marriage particularly in relation to South Asian women. The office is open weekdays (except Wednesday)

Lesbian and Gay Foundation - 0845 3 30 30 30

Confidential helpline and centre offering information, advice, advocacy, practical help, counseling, and support to men and women experiencing domestic abuse, honour based violence or are victims of forced marriage.

Men's Advice Line - 0808 801 0327 (Mon-Fri 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm)

Confidential helpline for men who experience violence from their partners and ex partners. They provide emotional support, practical advice and inform men of specialist services that can give them advice on legal, housing, child contact, mental health and other issues.

NSPCC 0808 800 5000

This free, confidential service for anyone concerned about children at risk of harm offers counselling, information and advice. The service also connects vulnerable young people, particularly runaways, to services that can help. It is open Monday to Friday between 11am and 7pm.

Asian Child Protection Helpline

- Bengali speaking advisor - 0800 096 7714
- Gujarati - 0800 096 7715
- Hindi - 0800 096 7716
- Punjabi - 0800 096 7717
- Urdu - 0800 096 7718
- English - 0800 096 7719

This free, 24-hour helpline provides information, advice and counselling to anyone concerned about a child at risk of abuse.

- 0808 800 5000 (helpline)
- 0800 056 0566 (text phone)

Broken Rainbow - 08452 255 6234

Support for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people experiencing domestic violence.

Careline - 0208 8514 1177

This is a national confidential counselling line for children, young people and adults on any issue including family, marital and relationship problems, child abuse, rape and sexual assault, depression and anxiety.

Child Line - 0800 1111

This service is for any child or young person with a problem.

The Citizens Advice Bureau

The Citizens Advice Bureau offers free, confidential and impartial information and advice on a wide range of subjects including consumer rights, debt, benefits, housing, employment, immigration, family and personal matters.

Manchester Airport Immigration 0161 489 3576

Immigration may be able to assist you with enquiries in relation to passports and dual nationality

Mondays and Tuesdays: 10am – 1pm

Wednesdays: 1pm – 4pm

An email service is also offered by the Helpline for non-urgent concerns with an aim to respond within 3 working days: helpline@independentchoices.org.uk