

**COMMUNITY OUTCOMES**

**SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

2 May 2017

**SUBJECT: HONOUR BASED ABUSE**

**Report of the Chief Constable**

<p><b>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</b></p> <p>1. This report outlines the Force's current position in relation to the policing of Honour Based Abuse in West Yorkshire.</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) uses this report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Honour Based Abuse.</p>
<p><b>POLICE AND CRIME PLAN</b></p> <p>3. Honour based abuse (HBA) can include forced marriage and female genital mutilation. Victims of "honour" based abuse can find themselves in conflict with people they care about the most. Isolated from family and friends, victims can feel like they have no one to turn to. For this reason it is crucial that victims can have the confidence in the police and criminal justice system that the perpetrators will be brought to justice. Awareness of these crimes is increasing, the PCC has said he will continue to work with all relevant organisations including community groups and charities to raise awareness and to provide support</p>
<p><b>KEY INFORMATION</b></p> <p>4. The PCC has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Made HBA a key priority in the new Police &amp; Crime Plan.</li><li>• Worked with the Chief Constable to take a victim led approach in delivering the legislation which will respect the views of victims and provide the necessary support.</li><li>• Continued to work with Karma Nirvana and Staying Put and speak at events to raise awareness.</li><li>• Have an OPCC colleague sit on the Honour Based Abuse/Forced Marriage Steering Group, which meets quarterly, this also includes, Local Authority Leads, CPS and Karma Nirvana. The purpose of the meeting is to work collaboratively with partners to increase knowledge of HBA and Forced Marriage, increase the reporting of HBA/FM, share best practice and ultimately the priority is to effectively safeguard victims.</li><li>• Resources, such as one minute guides, have been produced by Safeguarding Central Government Unit and will be disseminated to districts as well as the helpdesks, District Control Room's (DCR) and Customer Contact Centre (CCC.)</li><li>• Has awarded £36,909 to 7 projects tackling HBA (including FM) through the Safer Communities Fund since 2014.</li></ul>

## PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

5. Supporting the Day of Memory for Victims of Honour Killings campaign on 14<sup>th</sup> July in partnership with Karma Nirvana.

Chaired the afternoon of the Coercive and Controlling Behaviour Conference held by Karma Nirvana.

## ATTACHMENT

- [Chief Constables report – Honour Based Abuse](#) (PDF 297KB)