

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

8 January 2018

SUBJECT: Honour Based Abuse, Forced Marriage and FGM Update

Report of the Chief Constable

<p>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</p> <p>1. This report outlines the Force's current position in relation to the policing of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in West Yorkshire.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) uses this report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of FGM.</p>
<p>POLICE AND CRIME PLAN</p> <p>3. Honour based abuse (HBA) can include forced marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM). 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>KEY INFORMATION</p> <p>4. The PCC has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Made HBA including FGM a key priority in the Police & Crime Plan 2016 – 2021.• 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.• Continued to work with the third sector to raise awareness, including speaking at events and supporting campaigns.• An OPCC colleague sits on the Honour Based Abuse/Forced Marriage Steering Group which includes issues of FGM. The group meets quarterly and includes representatives from Local Authority Leads, CPS and the third sector. The purpose of the meeting is to work collaboratively with partners to increase knowledge, increase the reporting, share best practice and ultimately to effectively safeguard victims.• 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.)• Has awarded £56,222.20 to 11 projects tackling HBA (including FM) through the Safer Communities Fund since 2014.

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

5. Supporting the Day of Memory for Victims of Honour Killings campaign in July 2016 and 2017 in partnership with Karma Nirvana. The PCC also chaired the afternoon session of the Coercive and Controlling Behaviour Conference held earlier this year.

In June 2017, the OPCC held a Domestic Abuse event which informed the implementation of the West Yorkshire Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy which includes FGM. The strategy can be accessed via the PCC [website](#).

ATTACHMENT

- [Chief Constables report – Female Genital Mutilation \(FGM\)](#) (PDF 313KB)
- [Appendix – WYP Forced Marriage Action Plan](#) (PDF 32KB)