

COURSE CONTENT OVERVIEW

FGM, Forced Marriage and 'Honour'-Based Abuse Awareness

'Honour'-based abuse (HBA), including female genital mutilation (FGM) and forced marriage, is a serious safeguarding issue that everyone should be aware of. Frontline workers have various duties and responsibilities associated with this type of abuse that they must understand and be able to fulfil.

This course explains the terms HBA, FGM and forced marriage, whilst looking at the factors and reasons that can lead to it happening. It outlines how to recognise when someone may be at risk of suffering abuse or already be a victim and how to respond to and report concerns, in line with responsibilities and legal duties.

Module 1: Introduction to 'Honour'-Based Abuse

This module explains what HBA is and looks in detail at violence against women and girls. It also outlines general risk factors, how to respond to concerns or disclosures and covers the law in relation to HBA.

- 'Honour'-based abuse (HBA)
- Violence against women and girls
- Why does HBA happen?
- Is HBA a form of domestic abuse?
- Risk factors and prevalence
- Responding to concerns
- Barriers to disclosure
- HBA legislation
- Statistics
- Case study: Heshu Jones
- Support

Module 2: Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

This module explains what FGM is, the belief systems that lead to it happening and the impacts it can have on victims. It also outlines warning signs and how to respond to concerns, including the FGM mandatory reporting duty.

- What is FGM?
- Categories of FGM
- Where is FGM practised?
- Why does FGM happen?
- What is medicalised FGM?
- Warning signs
- FGM legislation
- FGM health passport
- How to respond if you are concerned someone is at risk
- Alimatu's story
- Support

Module 3: Forced Marriage

This module explains what a forced marriage is, where it is prevalent and why it happens. It outlines warning signs, how to respond to concerns and the various protections and support available, including the role of the Forced Marriage Unit (FMU).

- What is forced marriage?
- Warning signs
- One chance rule
- Forced Marriage Unit (FMU)
- Forced marriage legislation
- Forced marriage protection orders (FMPO)
- Support

Aims of the training

By the end of this course, learners will know:

- What violence against women and girls is, and specifically understand more about 'honour'-based abuse, including FGM and forced marriage.
- Best practice for responding to concerns relating to all forms of 'honour'-based abuse.
- The attitudes and cultural norms that allow these forms of abuse to continue.
- The potential warning signs that indicate 'honour'-based abuse, including FGM and forced marriage, could be about to occur.
- The legislation relating to all forms of 'honour'-based abuse.
- The support that is in place for victims or potential victims and frontline workers.