WARNING SIGNS OF VICTIM OF FORCED MARRIAGE

EDUCATION

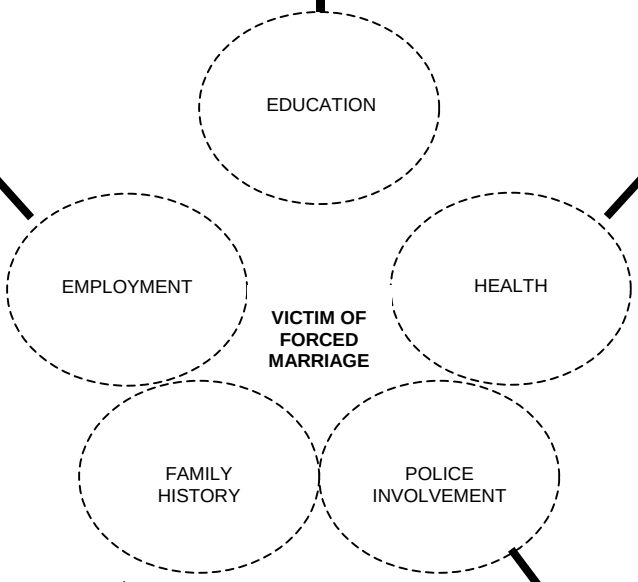
- Absence and persistent absence
- Request for extended leave of absence and failure to return from visits to country of origin
- Surveillance by siblings or cousins
- Decline in behaviour, engagement, performance or punctuality
- Poor exam results
- Being with drawn from school by those with parental responsibility and not being provided with suitable education at home
- Not allowed to attend extra-curricular activities
- Sudden announcement of engagement to a stranger
- Prevented from going on to further/higher education

EMPLOYMENT

- Poor performance
- Poor attendance
- Limited career choices
- Not allowed to work
- Unable to attend business trips or functions.
- Subject to financial control e.g. confiscation of wages / income
- Leaving work accompanied
- Inflexible working

HEALTH

- Accompanied to doctors or clinic
- Self harm
- Attempted suicide
- Acid attacks
- Eating disorders
- Depression
- Isolation
- Substance misuse
- Early/unwanted pregnancy
- Female genital mutilation
- Removal from a day centre of a person with a physical or learning disability



FAMILY HISTORY

- Siblings forced to marry
- Early marriage of siblings
- Self-harm or suicide of sibling
- Death of parent
- Family disputes
- Running away from home
- Unreasonable restrictions e.g. kept at home by parents (“house

POLICE INVOLVEMENT

- Victim or other siblings within the family reported missing
- Reports of domestic abuse, harassment or breaches of the peace at the family home
- Female genital mutilation
- The victim reported for offences e.g.

arrest”) and financial restrictions

shoplifting or substances misuse

- Threats to kill and attempts to kill or harm
- Reports of other offences such as rape and kidnaps