

All Wales Child Protection Procedures
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ALL WALES FLOWCHART FOR PRACTITIONERS WHEN DEALING WITH A DISCLOSURE OR CONCERN IDENTIFIED OF FORCED MARRIAGE

To be used in conjunction with:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/35532/fmu-right-to-choose.pdf

**The All Wales Child Protection Procedures Review Group
acknowledges the work of colleagues in Gwent**

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A FORCED MARRIAGE IS A MARRIAGE CONDUCTED WITHOUT VALID CONSENT OF BOTH PARTIES WHERE DURESS IS A FACTOR

Following a disclosure or concern identified all practitioners need to be aware that this maybe the ONE and ONLY CHANCE to help the victim

IF THE VICTIM IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE AN IMMEDIATE REFERRAL TO CHILD PROTECTION SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO BE MADE

DO NOT

- ❖ **Send them away**
- ❖ **Use family members to interpret**
- ❖ **Approach family members**
- ❖ **Do not share information with family/community**
- ❖ **Do not attempt to mediate**

DO

- ❖ **See them immediately on their own**
- ❖ **See them in a safe and secure environment**
- ❖ **Listen carefully and note details**

**Strategy discussion
Seek advice from Forced Marriage Unit**

**Follow process outlined in the
All Wales Child Protection Procedures**

**If the person is an adult; refer to DO and DO NOT advice above
Consider whether there may be children involved who may be at risk**

DOES THE PERSON WISH TO LEAVE?

DO NOT WISH TO LEAVE

Be prepared to show empathy and that you are still willing to help

- ❖ Offer access to phone
- ❖ Offer to phone them
- ❖ Give appropriate contact numbers

DO WANT TO LEAVE

IF IN IMMEDIATE DANGER CALL 999

OTHER CONTACT NUMBERS

BAWSO: 029 20 644633

POLICE:

**FORCED MARRIAGE UNIT:
020 7008 0151**

CONTACT NUMBERS

BAWSO: 029 20 644633 / 0800 731 8147

FORCED MARRIAGE UNIT (FMU) London: 020 7008 0151

POLICE PUBLIC PROTECTION UNIT:

CHILDRENS SERVICES:

OUT OF HOURS:

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS:

FOR THE PERSON/S HANDLING THE DISCLOSURE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAKE AND KEEP RECORDS OF DISCUSSIONS AND DECISIONS MADE AND ACTION PROPOSED AND/OR TAKEN.