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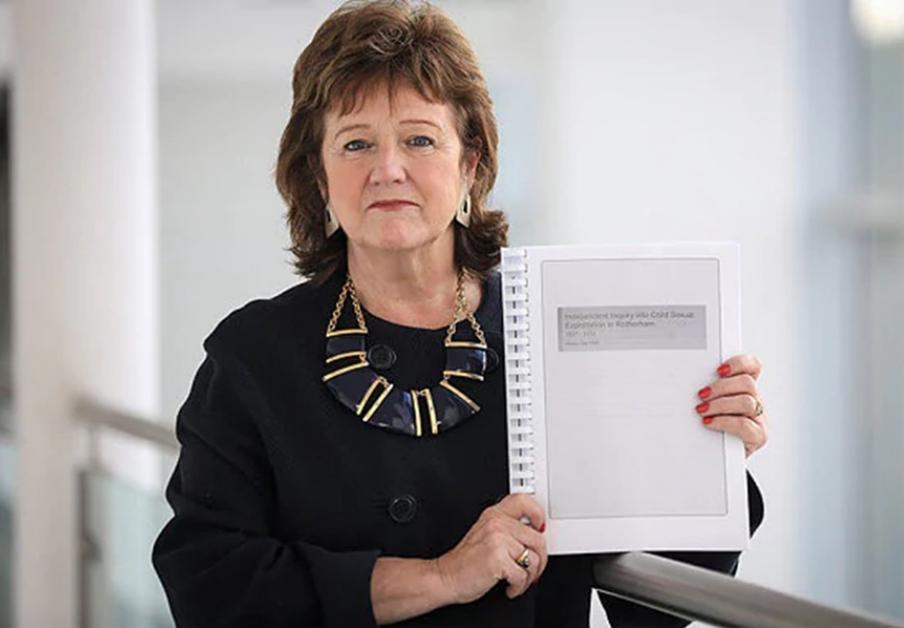
Honour Abuse/Forced Marriages

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a diverse crowd of people from behind, with the text "Culture V Safeguarding" overlaid in the center. The people are depicted in various colors and patterns, representing a multicultural group. The text is in a white, serif font, with a large "V" in the middle.

Culture
V
Safeguarding

Cultural Acceptance does not mean Accepting the Unacceptable





Raising our heads above the parapet



Children Promised into Marriages

Aged 8



Would you spot me?

- Summer Holidays
- Engaged aged 5
- First Cousin Marriages
- Engaging with families
- Believing the child

**Karma
Nirvana
established
in 1993 in
memory of
my sister
Robina**



Tradition or Safeguarding ?

Forced/Arranged Marriage

Forced marriage is when you face pressure to marry
– No consent

Arranged marriage –
Consent

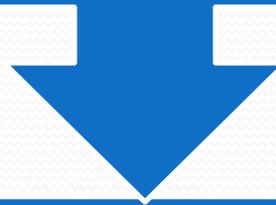
Going through a marriage
for sake of family

Crossing the Line

- Threats, physical violence or sexual violence
- Emotional pressure, made to feel like you're bringing shame on your family
- Emotional Blackmail
- Religion-Tradition
- Mental Capacity – Consent
- Dishonour – Trigger for a FM

27TH FEBRUARY 2023, CHILD MARRIAGE IN ENGLAND AND WALES BECAME A CRIME

You have the right to choose who you marry, when you marry or if you marry at all



If you're under 18 any marriage is considered a forced marriage, even if there is no physical or emotional pressure involved.

Honour Based Abuse

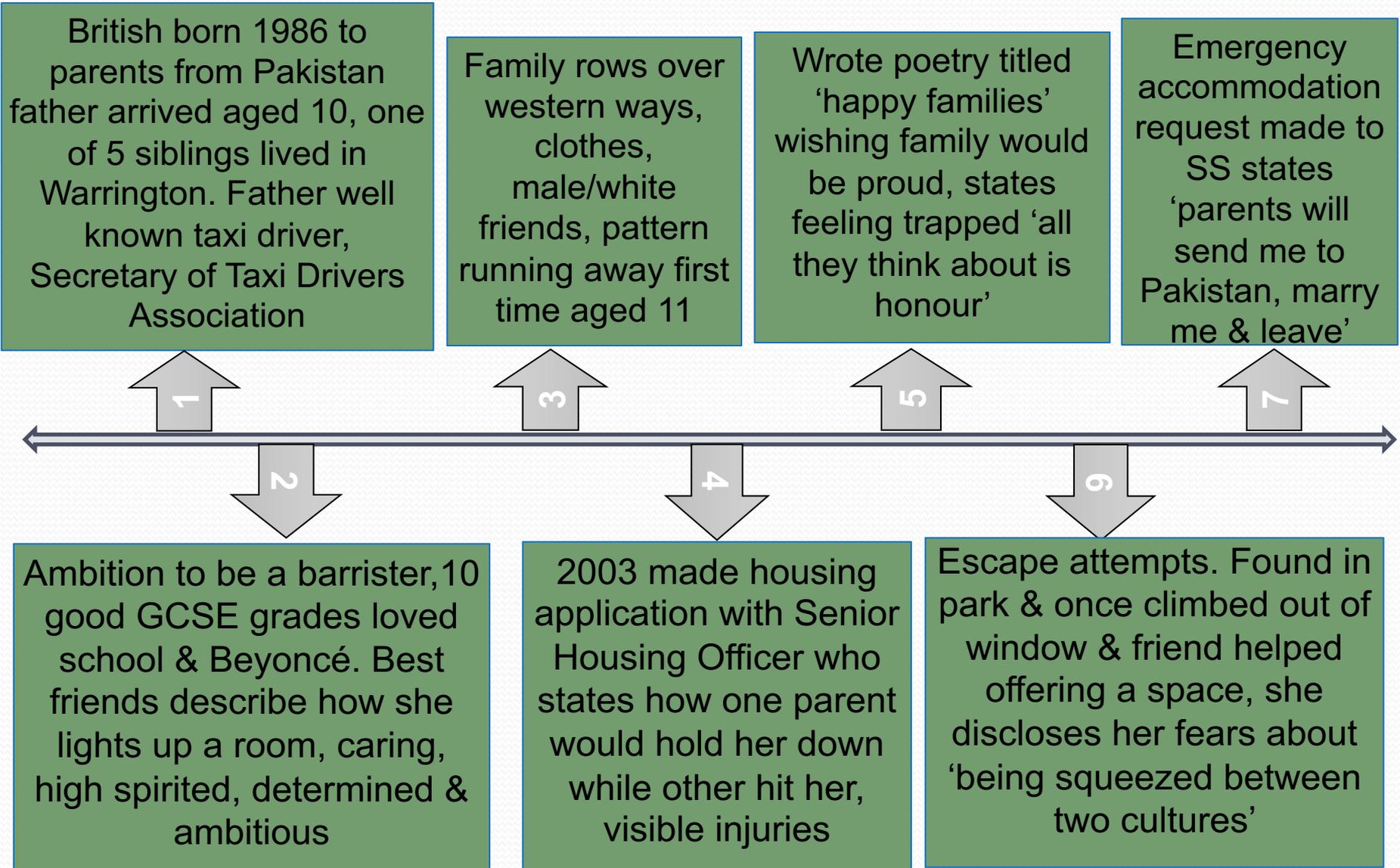
National Definition: Karma Nirvana Campaign

“An incident or crime which has or may have been committed to protect or defend the honour of the family and or community” **NPCC**

Distinguished from other forms of abuse, as it is often committed with some degree of approval and or collusion from family and/or community members.

Multiple perpetrators not only in UK but can be abroad, HBA can be trigger for a FM.

Timeline of a FM/HBA Victim



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Returns home drugged & taken to Pakistan in 2003 presented as a holiday. Told she is getting married, attempts suicide by swallowing bleach

Starts college absence triggers teachers concern calls father who informs 'she wants to leave college & burn her books' this led to frank parents meeting victim talks about lack of freedom parents agree more freedom

Last seen alive being picked up by family at call centre Sept 11, 03, teacher reports missing. Police launch appeal as she did not attend serious medical appointment

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Returns to UK immediate hospital A & E attention severely damaged throat on ward. 8 weeks returned home

Weeks pass & still running away, spends several days at B & B until flat found on last day of temporary accommodation incident, friend calls police & she returns home

Parents outraged at being accused. Body found Feb 04 Lake District, Coroner states 'vile murder' family held funeral. Victim suffocated to death in presence of siblings.

Shafilea Ahmed

'Happy Families'

I don't pretend like we're the
perfect family no more
Desire to live is burning
My stomach is burning
But all they think about is
honour
I was like a normal teenage
kid
Didn't ask 2 much
I jus wanted to fit in
But my culture was different
But my family ignored



Aged 17

GUILTY



Iftikar Ahmed, 52



Farzana Ahmed, 49

Sentence 25 years - No Parole

Sentencing Remarks

“Your concern about being shamed in your community was greater than the love of your child”

“Shafilea was a determined, able and ambitious girl who wanted to live a life which was normal in the country and in the town in which you had chosen to live and bring up your children”

“However, you could not tolerate the life Shafilea wanted to live”

“You wanted to live in Pakistan, in Warrington”

Judge Roderick Evans

Victims' Experiences

Controllers of honour are based within the family, including women

Honour relates to family reputation

Watched, controlled, monitored especially when seeking help & agency engagement

Honour creates internal conflict, failure, guilt

Fears linked to confidentiality related to engagement with families

Honour Broken

Saying no to a marriage arrangement

Integrating

Relationships outside of marriage/sexuality/divorce

Leaving home

Changing religion

Social networking/mobile phones

Divorce

Seeking help, eg police, social services

FM Criminal Law

- Forcing someone to marry against their will
- Using violence, threats or deception to cause a person to leave UK for a forced marriage
- Breach of a Forced Marriage Protection Order
- If someone has not got the capacity to consent, it is a forced marriage

- Any action conducted to assist a forced marriage is illegal, whether or not it amounts to threats, violence or coercion

FMPOS

What does a Forced Marriage Protection Order (FMPO) do?

- An FMPO can help a victim if they are:
 - 1) Being forced into a marriage; or
 - 2) Are already in a forced marriage.
- FMPO is unique to each case;
- Contains legally binding conditions and directions changing the behaviour of a person(s) trying to force someone to marry
- Contained within an Order

Examples of conditions include:

- For a person to be revealed
- Passports to be handed over
- Prevent a person from being taken abroad

Resources: You are not alone

www.karmanirvana.org.uk

Helpline: 0800 5999 247

Expert Guidance for Safeguarding Professionals

Specialist Refuge

Support for men and women

Languages

New Counselling Service

- www.jasvindersanghera.com
- Expert Witness
- Forced Marriage Unit - 020 7008 0151
- fm@fcdo.gov.uk
- Poster/Handbooks
- Shame Book

What I did not know at 16 years old & What you can pass on to others.....





Next Gen

HANDS UP!
When is a
spoon not a
just a
spoon?

Any
Questions?

