

# Leeds Children and Families Services

## Forced Marriage and associated Honour Based Abuse

### Chart of potential warning signs or indicators

#### Potential Warning Signs or Indicators of Forced Marriage

##### Education

Absence/ persistent absence	Surveillance by siblings or cousins	Being withdrawn from school by those with Parental Responsibility	Not allowed to attend extracurricular activities
Request for extended leave of absence and failure to return from visits to country of origin	Decline in behaviour, engagement, performance or punctuality	Removal from day care of a person with a physical disability or a learning disability	Sudden announcement of engagement to a stranger
Fear about forthcoming school holidays	Poor exam results		Prevented from going on to further or 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
Unable to be flexible in their working arrangements

##### Health

Accompanied to doctors or clinics
Self-harm / attempted suicide
Eating disorders
Depression / isolation
Substance misuse
Unwanted pregnancy
Female Genital Mutilation



##### Family History

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

##### 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
Victim reported for offences e.g. shoplifting / substance abuse
Threats to kill and attempts to kill or harm
Reports of other offences such as rape or kidnap
Acid Attacks