

**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:**

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

**ALL WALES GUIDANCE FOR PRACTITIONERS WHEN DEALING WITH A DISCLOSURE OR CONCERN IDENTIFIED OF FORCED MARRIAGE**

**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**

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**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.**