

# Dundee and Angus Honour Based Violence Checklist

## An aide memoire for workers

(the indicators may be very similar to Domestic Violence)

### Warning Signs for Honour Based Violence

#### WORKPLACE

- Absenteeism, lateness
- Unusual or excessive phone calls from partner, family
- Accompanied to and from work
- Withdrawn
- Changes in job performance

#### EDUCATION

- Eating disorders
- Aggression
- Unusually quiet
- Absenteeism, lateness
- Surveillance at school/college by partner/family
- Accompanied to and from school
  - Anxiety around holiday periods

#### HEALTH

- Frequent injuries said to be accidental
- Major personality changes
- Depressed, anxious, suicidal
- Accompanied to appointments
- Cancelling appointments
- Drug and/or alcohol issues

#### FAMILY

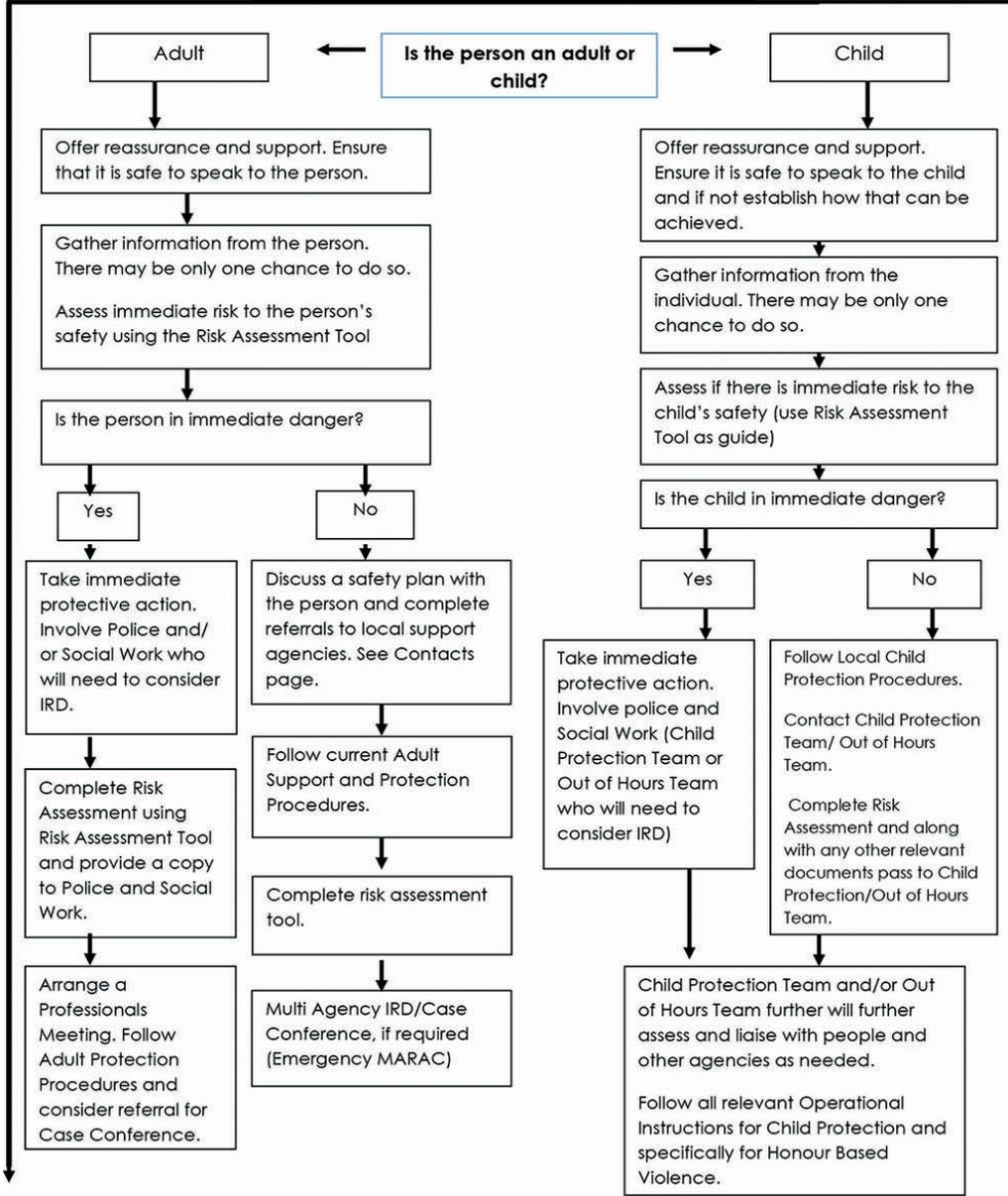
Family belong to an ethnic community where Honour Based Violence is traditionally acceptable

**(There is more detailed information within the HBV protocol)**

**YOU CAN CONTACT  
THIRD SECTOR  
SUPPORT AGENCIES  
AT ANYTIME  
THROUGHOUT ANY OF  
THE PROCESS**

**Responding to Honour Based  
Violence (HBV)**

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THE POLICE AT ANYTIME  
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# ONE CHANCE CHECKLIST

You may only have one chance to speak to a victim or potential victim of Honour Based Violence, therefore, only one chance to save a life.

- See the victim on his/her own – even if they are accompanied by others;
- See the victim immediately in a secure and private place where you will not be overheard;
- Reassure the victim about confidentiality and explain that you will not give information to family, friends or the community.
- Accept what is said;
- Explain all the options to the victim and possible outcomes;
- Recognise and respect his/her wishes;
- Assess the risk faced by conducting an appropriate and thorough risk assessment.
- If the potential victim is under 16, refer to child protection inter-agency guidance; if an adult at risk, discuss with your adult support and protection lead and refer to inter-agency guidance;
- Agree a way to make contact safely (for example agree a code word);
- Obtain full details to pass on to the lead worker and record these safely;
- Provide contact details or help the victim to memorise your contact details and/or those of a support agency such as Women's Aid.
- Consider the need for immediate police involvement, protection and placement away from the family and arrange this is necessary; this includes any action to stop the victim from being removed from the UK;
- Do everything possible you can to keep the victim safe; and
- Get immediate advice if you are not sure what to do.

Victims can be male or female but are more likely to be the latter.

If FGM, Forced Marriage and/or Honour Based Violence is suspected DO NOT MAKE ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT THE FAMILY, COMMUNITY MEMBERS – THIS INCREASES RISK AS THEY MAY BE COLLUDING WITH THE ABUSE.

# CONTACTS

## **Dundee Women's Aid**

Top Floor, Enterprise House  
45 North Lindsay Street  
Dundee DD1 1DW

**Telephone: 01382 207099**

Email: [info@dundeewomensaid.co.uk](mailto:info@dundeewomensaid.co.uk)

Open Mon to Fri 9.30am -12.30pm & 1.30pm - 4.30pm except Thurs 9.30 - 12.30

## **Angus Women's Aid**

Lindsay Street  
Arbroath  
DD11 1RP

**Telephone: 01241 439437**

Email: [info@anguswomensaid.co.uk](mailto:info@anguswomensaid.co.uk)

Open Mon to Fri 10am -1pm and 2pm-5pm except Thurs 1pm -5pm

## **Shakti Women's Aid**

Shakti offers support and information to all black minority ethnic women, children and young people who are experiencing or fleeing domestic abuse, forced marriage and other honour based violence issues. They also have refuge accommodation.

**Tel: 0131 475 2399**

Website: [www.shaktiedinburgh.co.uk](http://www.shaktiedinburgh.co.uk)

Open 10am-5pm Mon - Fri

## **Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid (Glasgow based)**

Hemat Gryffe provides support, advice and temporary accommodation to women and children from the BME community who experience domestic abuse or forced marriage.

**Tel: 0141 353 0859**

Email: [hemat.gryffe@ntlbusiness.com](mailto:hemat.gryffe@ntlbusiness.com)

Open 9am - 5pm Mon - Fri

**To access the full HBV protocol visit:**

**[www.avawp.org.uk](http://www.avawp.org.uk) or [www.dvawp.co.uk](http://www.dvawp.co.uk)**