

# Freedom Charity In Partnership with Norfolk Constabulary

FREEDOM CHARITY



## Tackling Honour Based Abuse including Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation

### Practitioner Conference

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 at the Mercure Hotel Norwich

Our Conference to raise awareness of **Honour Based Abuse, Forced Marriage (FM) and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)** comes as **forced marriage is criminalised in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act** and the government publishes its renewed action plan in ***A Call to End Violence against Women and Girls***.

Due to changes in legislation and guidance there has never been a more important time to come together as partners in a **multi-agency preventative response** to these critical issues.

The event will allow you to hear from expert colleagues from the **police, health, government, criminal justice services and the voluntary sector** on driving forward **partnership working** to enable **prevention, support and protection** for victims and those at risk in Norfolk.

#### Key Speakers Include

- **Aneeta Prem** founder of locally based national charity **Freedom**, will update on their work to support and assist victims at risk or in crisis of FM and FGM.
- **Sarbjit Athwal, a survivor who** fought secretly for justice for nine years against those who killed her sister in law. Sarbjit was the first key witness within a murderer's family ever to go into open court in an honour killing trial.
- **Chaz Akoshile** Joint Head of the Forced Marriage Unit and **Sophie Wright**, Specialist Case worker will discuss how the **new legislation criminalising FM** will be enforced and **how this can be used in tandem with Force Marriage Protection Orders** to increase choice for individuals.
- **Detective Superintendent Julie Wwendth, Norfolk Constabulary** updating on **the multi-agency partnership response** to HBA, FM and FGM.
- **Georgina Sosa and Joy Clarke, FGM Specialist Midwives** will discuss how to identify FGM and make clear safeguarding referrals about cases of concern.
- **Nazir Afzal OBE, Chief Crown Prosecutor**, who has pioneered work to tackle honour-based violence and forced marriage will discuss how **CPS address these crimes**.
- **Christopher Cloke, Head of Professional Partnerships, NSPCC** will discuss their FGM helpline.

**Cost: £100, which will support future initiatives of Freedom Charity**

**Location:** The event will be held at the Mercure Hotel, Norwich on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014, time 09:30 hours to 16:30 hours, includes lunch and refreshments.

**To register or for any other queries, please email:**  
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