

BRIEFING SHEET

The Halo Project is a national charity based in Middlesbrough providing confidential advice, specialist support and refuge accommodation to Black and minoritised victims and survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence and hidden harms such as forced marriage, female genital mutilation and honour-based abuse.

We work with key partners to provide the required interventions and advice necessary to protect victims and reduce risk, as well as providing expert training to professionals, which is essential in raising awareness of hidden harms and recognising the signs to prevent future victims of abuse.

12 - 15 
**HONOUR KILLINGS ARE REPORTED
IN THE UK EACH YEAR**


8,000 - 10,000
**FORCED MARRIAGES OF BRITISH
CITIZENS TAKE PLACE EVERY YEAR**

137,000+
**WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ENGLAND
AND WALES ARE LIVING WITH THE
CONSEQUENCES OF FGM**



Here's a list of just some of the things that keep us busy on a day-to-day basis:

- Ongoing safeguarding
- Emotional and cultural support
- Immigration guidance (including for those with no recourse to public funds [NRPF])
- Multilingual support
- Emergency specialist refuge accommodation and move on housing for Black and minoritised survivors
- Face to face outreach support to service-users in Cleveland, Durham and North Yorkshire.
- Legal advice and access to solicitors, including help with restraining orders, forced marriage and FGM protection orders (FMPO, FGMPO), right to remain - plus ongoing emotional support in court
- Financial, benefit access and budgeting advice
- Halo accredited trauma informed community education programmes to aid recovery and prevent revictimisation.
- Working with our extensive partner network to broker in additional specialist support as required
- Multi-agency partnership working including MARAC attendance for specialist advice and victim advocacy
- Specialist training to professionals and communities on forced marriage, FGM, and honour-based abuse - as well as bespoke options tailored to suit all needs
- Safeguarding advice and guidance for professionals and partner agencies
- Managing Halo Hubs - student-led platforms set up in universities to raise awareness of hidden harms on campus, signpost survivors to specialist support and work to prevent sexual violence through training, safeguarding and student action
- Third-party hate crime reporting centre

**For support with cases or to signpost victims and survivors,
contact Halo Project on 01642 683 045, info@haloproject.org.uk
or message us via webchat at [haloproject.org.uk](https://www.haloproject.org.uk)**