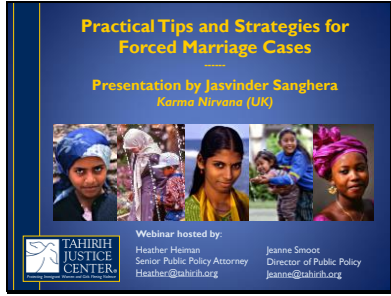


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Karma Nirvana Mission 


- Increase reporting, Reduce isolation, Save lives
- All men/women and professionals needing guidance
- 2008 - Launch of Honour Network National Helpline
- Raising awareness amongst statutory & voluntary
- Annual Roadshow's
- Campaigning & awareness with media support

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Presentation Aims: 

- An insight into the prevalence of Forced Marriage and Honour Based Abuse in the UK
- Gain an understanding into how honour systems operate within family dynamics
- Guidance on how professionals can empower victims and survivors to come forward

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What is Honour Based Abuse? 


Honour based abuse is defined as:

"An incident or crime which has or may have been committed to protect or defend the honour of the family and or community"

Honour based abuse is where a person is punished by their family/community for allegedly undermining what they believe to be the correct code of behaviour.


Can be distinguished from other forms of abuse, as it is often committed with some degree of approval and/or collusion from family and/or community members.

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Further research: 

- Disclosure of perception should be risk assessed
- Integrating & taking on western values
- Talking to opposite sex & having a boyfriend
- Saying no to an arranged marriage
- Disclosure of information to family trigger for abduction
- Concept of honour used in relation to family & wider community acceptance, linked to image

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Key Facts 

- Karma Nirvana receives on average **5500** calls each year
- Number of calls to Honour Network Helpline:
 - 2008 = 2532 calls
 - 2009 = 5599 calls
 - 2010 = 4815 calls
 - 2011 = 5517 calls


} Increase in calls to the helpline during Summer
- FMU deal with average of **400** repatriation cases annually third under 17 years old
- Two thirds (69%) of young Asians agree that families should live according to the concept of 'honour', or 'izzat' (BBC Panorama 2012)

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Barriers to getting help:

- Disownment/Ostracised from community
- Not aware of services – key to minors
- Not believed -turned away-engagement families
- Displacement/isolation/identity
- Fear of being found – bounty hunters


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Features to Empowering victims and survivors 

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- Awareness of support reduces isolation and encourages reporting
- Being realistic & reassuring that they are not going against religion, tradition or culture
- Agreeing confidentiality sharing of information or not?


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Features to Empowering victims and survivors 

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- Establishing a means of discreet contact
- Develop/implement a safety plan to reduce physical and emotional risks
- Engagement with other survivors through Helpline


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Important considerations – Do not: 

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- Use family or community members as interpreters or mediators
- Engage in family group conferences, potential emotional manipulation of victim
- Disclose information of risk, including 'perceived' risk without agreement and risk assessments
- Send the victim back to the family/perpetrators against their wishes


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B – M Case March 09 

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- Placement of Muslim children where Justice Wall highlights physical safety paramount not cultural/religious issues
- Questions: Culturally appropriate placement?
- Foster parents moved six times to secure safety
- A mother put her 3 children at risk
- Victim fled with support of Police & Social Services & remains in hiding

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EVIDENCE 


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Judge records a highly significant remark from mother:

"when honour kicks in, all other considerations go out of the window"

"with honour, you forget everything it will go on for generations. It won't end and they would try anything"

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Lord Justice Walls Court of Appeal 09 

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"these things have nothing to do with any concept of honour known to English law"

"They are, I repeat, acts of simply sordid, criminal behaviour and a refusal to acknowledge them as such. We should, accordingly, identify them as criminal acts and as nothing else.

"This is the law of England, and this is the law which applies in this case"

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Instilling Confidence 

“We must not allow political correctness to lead us to moral blindness”
(Mike O'Brien)

“Cultural acceptance does not mean accepting the unacceptable”
(Sir Ian Blair)

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THE ONE CHANCE RULE! 



**HONOUR VIOLENCE.
IT'S A CRIME.
BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION.**

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Resources for Advocates in the US

- Karma Nirvana – Best Practices: Do's and Don'ts
 - Flyer with guidelines on best practices used by Karma Nirvana when counseling individuals facing forced marriage.

<http://www.karmalnirvana.org.uk/images/PDFs/dos%20and%20donts%20flyer.pdf>

- The Forced Marriage Unit – Multiagency Practice Guidelines: Handling Cases of Forced Marriage
 - Overview of forced marriage and breakdown of best practices by sector, including guidance for law enforcement, schools and colleges, health professionals, etc.

<http://www.fc.gov.uk/resources/en/pdf/3849543/forced-marriage-guidelines09.pdf>



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For information on upcoming webinars, and newsletters about forced marriage in the United States, please join the:

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Forced Marriage Listserve

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