



Forced Marriage Unit

STATISTICS JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2013

- The FMU gave advice or support related to a possible forced marriage in 1302 cases¹.
- Where the age was known, 15% of cases involved victims² below 16 years, 25% involved victims aged 16-17, 33% involved victims aged 18-21, 15% involved victims aged 22-25, 7% involved victims aged 26-30, 3% involved victims aged 31+.
- 82% of cases involved female victims and 18% involved male victims.
- The FMU handled cases involving 74 different countries³, including Pakistan (42.7%), India (10.9%), Bangladesh (9.8%), Afghanistan (2.8%), Somalia (2.5%), Iraq (1.5%), Nigeria (1.1%), Saudi Arabia (1.1%), Yemen (1%), Iran (0.8%), Tunisia (0.8%), The Gambia (0.7%), Egypt (0.6%) and Morocco (0.4%). The origin was unknown in 5.4% of cases.
- Within the UK the regional distribution was: London 24.9%, West Midlands 13.6%, South East 9.9%, North West 9.3%, Yorkshire and Humberside 6.8%, East Midlands 4.2%, East Anglia 3.5%, Scotland 2.9%, North East 2%, South West 1.6%, Wales 1.6%, Northern Ireland 0.3%. The region was unknown in 19.4% of cases.
- 97 cases involved victims with disabilities.
- 12 involved victims who identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT).

¹ Cases includes people or groups of people thought to be at potential risk of future forced marriage, those currently going through a forced marriage and those who have already been forced to marry. This statistic includes all initial contacts with the FMU via the helpline or by email relating to a new case.

² Victim includes people thought to be at potential risk of future forced marriage, those currently going through a forced marriage and those who have already been forced to marry.

³ This includes countries to which a victim is at risk of being taken or has already been taken to in connection with a forced marriage.