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General FMU Statistics

Statistics for January – December 2010:

- 1735 instances where the FMU have given advice or support related to a possible forced marriage. Where the age was known, the oldest victim was 73 and the youngest was 12.
- 86% involved female victims and 14% involved male victims (<0.5% unknown).
- Countries of origin: Pakistan (52%), Bangladesh (10.3%), India (8.6%), Africa (5%), Turkey (1.7%), Iran (1.3%), Iraq (1.2%), Afghanistan (1%), and other known countries (9.3%). 14.6% of cases were solely linked to the UK or were of unknown origin.
- Within the UK the geographical distribution of instances was as follows: London (21.4%), West Midlands (13.6%), North West (13.6%), South East (9.1%), Yorkshire & Humberside (8.8%), East Midlands (5%), East of England (3.6%), North East (3.2%), Scotland (2.7%), South West (2.2%), Wales (1.1%), Northern Ireland (0.1%) and unknown (15.7%).
- Out of 240 assistance cases, where age was known 64.6% involved adults and 35.4% involved minors (those under 18) of those 13.75% involved minors who were 16 and under.
- 70 instances (4%) involving those with disabilities (50 with learning disabilities, 17 with physical disabilities and 3 with both) were brought to the FMU's attention.
- 36 instances (2%) involved victims who identified as LGBT.
- 469 cases of forced marriage, including both assistance and immigration cases, where active assistance was given by the FMU (240 assistance, 229 reluctant sponsors).

Statistics for January – December 2009:

- 1682 instances in which the FMU gave advice or support related to possible forced marriage. Where the age was known, the oldest victim was 62 and the youngest was 10.
- 377 cases of forced marriage, including both assistance and immigration cases, dealt with by the FMU (240 assistance (88 in the UK), 137 reluctant sponsors).
- 14% were male and 86% were female.
- The geographic balance of cases associated with other countries / regions was as follows: Pakistan (56%), Bangladesh (10%), India (8%), Turkey (2%), Africa (1%), Afghanistan (1%), and other (7%). 14% of cases were solely linked to the UK or were of unknown origin.
- Within the UK the geographical distribution of cases where known was as follows: London (29%), North West (17%), West Mids (14%), Yorks and Humber (10%), South East (9%), East Mids (7%), East of England (4%), North East, Wales, South West (3% each), Scotland (1%).
- Of the 240 assistance cases, where age was known, 62.5% involved adults and 37.5% involved minors (16.5% under 16).
- Between August 2009 (where we started collecting data) and the end of the year at least 15 cases involving learning difficulties and 6 involving physical difficulties were brought to the FMU's attention.

Statistics for January to December 2008:

- 1618 instances in which the FMU gave advice or support related to possible forced marriage.

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- 430 cases of forced marriage, including both assistance and immigration cases, dealt with by the FMU (222 assistance, 208 reluctant sponsors).
- 15% of victims were male and 85% female.
- The geographic balance of cases associated with other countries / regions was as follows: Pakistan (57%), Bangladesh (13%), India (7%), Middle Eastern (3%), Africa (2%), Turkey (1%), Afghanistan (1%), European (1%), and other (4%). 11% of cases were solely linked to the UK or were of unknown origin.
- Of the 222 assistance cases, where age was known, 61% involved adults and 39% involved minors (14% under 16).
- Within the UK the geographical distribution of cases where known was as follows: London (25%), West Mids (16%), North West (15%), Yorks and Humber (10%), South East (10%), East Mids (7%), East of England (5%), North East (4%), Wales (3%), Scotland (3%), South West (2%).

Statistics for January- December 2007: 262 cases of forced marriage, including both assistance (168) and immigration cases (94), dealt with by the FMU in the UK and overseas.

Statistics for January – December 2006: 197 cases of forced marriage, including both assistance (99) and immigration cases (98), dealt with by the FMU in the UK and overseas.

Statistics for January -December 2005: 152 cases of forced marriage, including both assistance and immigration cases dealt with by the FMU in the UK and overseas.

Assistance cases – include support given to anyone in the UK or to a British National Overseas.

Reluctant Sponsor cases – include support that was given to a person relating to immigration issues

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