



## Forced Marriage Unit

### STATISTICS JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2014

- The FMU gave advice or support related to a possible forced marriage in 1267 cases<sup>1</sup>.
- Where the age was known, 11.% of cases involved victims<sup>2</sup> below 16 years, 11% involved victims aged 16-17, 17% involved victims aged 18-21, 14% involved victims aged 22-25, 8% involved victims aged 26-30, 5.% involved victims aged 31-40, and 2% involved victims aged 41 or over. 32% involved an adult whose age was not known.
- 79% of cases involved female victims and 21% involved male victims.
- The FMU has handled cases involving a total of over 88 different countries<sup>3</sup> specifically. In 2014 this included Pakistan (38.3%), India (7.8%), Bangladesh (7.1%), Afghanistan (3%), Somalia (1.6%), Turkey (1.1%), Iraq (0.7%), Sri Lanka (1.1%) and Iran (1.0%). The origin was unknown in 3.5% of cases.
- 23% of the cases handled by the FMU were domestic and had no overseas element.
- Within the UK the regional distribution was: London 23%, West Midlands 11.9%, South East 10.8%, Yorkshire and Humberside 8.9%, North West 8.1%, East 4.7%, East Midlands 4.4%, Scotland 2.3%, South West 1.7%, Wales 1.4%, Northern East 1.3% and Northern Ireland 0.7%. The region was unknown in 20% of cases.
- 135 cases involved victims with disabilities.
- 8 involved victims who identified themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT).

<sup>1</sup> This statistic includes contact made to the FMU via the helpline or by email in relation to a new case.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.