

**Request Reference: 4080/16**

**1. For the full year of 2015 (01/01/2015 - 31/12/2015) in total how many incidents and crimes did your police force record of:**  
**a)"honour" based violence?**  
**b) forced marriage?**  
**c) female genital mutilation?**

See Tables 1, 2 and 3 below and note, with regard to Tables 1 and 2, that a crime or non-crime incident may have numerous Special Interest Markers applied to it (e.g. a HBA identified case may also be a FM case, or a FGM case may also have a HBA marker). Therefore some of the statistics requested will double count one case.

**2. If your police force records any of/ all of a)-c) together, for the full year of 2015 (01/01/2015 - 31/12/2015) in total how many incidents and crimes of "honour" based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation combined did your police force record?**

Not Applicable – See q1 above.

**3. For the full year of 2015 (01/01/2015 - 31/12/2015) in how many cases were criminal charges pressed which involved:**  
**a)"honour" based violence?**  
**b) forced marriage?**  
**c) female genital mutilation?**

See Tables 1, 2 and 3 below and it is important to understand that the vast majority of victims do not wish to pursue a criminal case against their family. West Midlands Police do not force victims to press charges against their family.

**4. If your police force records any of/ all of a)-c) together, for the full year of 2015 (01/01/2015 - 31/12/2015) in how many cases of "honour" based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation were criminal charges pressed?**

Not Applicable – See q3 above.

**5. For the full year of 2015 (01/01/2015 - 31/12/2015) how many cases resulted in convictions involving:**  
**a)"honour" based violence?**  
**b) forced marriage?**  
**c) female genital mutilation?**

See Tables 1, 2 and 3 below.

**6.If your police force records any of/ all of a)-c) together, for the full year of 2015 (01/01/2015 - 31/12/2015) in how many cases involving "honour" based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation were there convictions?**

Not Applicable – See q5 above

**7. For the full year of 2015 (01/01/2015 - 31/12/2015) how many murder cases involving "honour" based violence did your police force record?**

Nil

TABLE 1

The following table shows the number of Non-crime incidents with a HBA, FM or FGM Special Interest Marker\* recorded during the period 01 January 2015 to 31 December 2015:

Special Interest Marker*	Non-crime Incident
HBA	144
FM	81
FGM	123

TABLE 2

The following table shows the number of Crimes with a HBA, FM or FGM Special Interest Marker\* recorded during the period 01 January 2015 to 31 December 2015 and the number of those that resulted in a Charge and Conviction^:

Special Interest Marker*	Offence Count	Charge	Conviction^
HBA	139	16	5
FM	35	1	1
FGM	3	0	0

^Please note, court data are not fed back into our central crime recording system. Therefore in order to obtain information with regard to convictions, we performed a manual search across a number of force and national systems. Unfortunately however in 5 of the 16 crimes with a HBA Special Interest Marker that resulted in a charge, it was not possible from this search to determine whether or not a conviction resulted.

\*Special Interest Marker Definitions:

HBA - Honour Based Abuse - An incident or crime involving violence, threats of violence, intimidation, coercion or abuse (including psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional abuse), which has or may have been committed to protect or defend the honour of an individual, family and/or community for alleged or perceived breaches of the family and/or community's code of behaviour.

Please note that HBV marker was used until recently (approx. March 2016) when definition changed to HBA (which now has a wider definition and encompasses more incidents).

FM - Forced Marriage - This incident is related to a forced marriage.

FGM - Female Genital Mutilation - Any crime or incident linked to procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons, this could include alleged cultural, religious or other non-therapeutic reasons.

TABLE 3

The following table shows the number of Forced Marriage Crimes (Home Office Offence Code - 36/05) recorded during the period 01 January 2015 to 31 December 2015 and the number of those that resulted in a Charge and Conviction:

Offence	Offence Count	Charge	Conviction
Forced Marriage (HO Code 36/05)	7	0	0