

# Multi-Agency Case Audit Learnings

## Honour Based Abuse

### Understanding of immigration status

Agencies did not fully understand mums' immigration status. This blind spot impacted upon fully understanding barriers to mum and child accessing the right support. Children's Social Care staff can seek clarity on immigration status through the dedicated Home Office Liaison Officer for Children's Social Care.

### Extended family network

More awareness of the risks associated with HBA was needed including the relevance and seriousness of threats coming from the extended family, community members in the UK and country of birth. A perpetrator of HBA abuse can continue to present a risk even when they are out of the country.

Making efforts to clarify 'who is who' in the extended family and community network, including gathering names, and dates of birth is essential to creating genograms and ecomaps that can inform risk assessment and Multi-Agency safety planning, including when we need to work with our Border Force colleagues to manage risk across international.

### Naming customs

Exploring naming customs within families is an opportunity to understand important family culture and heritage and culture and understand how names link with relationships and family systems which may be different to conventions that agencies are familiar with.

## Further Reading

- [Karma Nirvana](#)
- [Breast Flattening 7 Minute Guide](#)
- [ESCB website – Harmful Cultural Practices](#)