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| **Forced Marriage** Marriage without the valid consent of one or both parties and where duress is a factor. |

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| **Immediate Actions:**  |
| * Police Emergency: 999
* Urgent medical attention
* If children are at risk contact: 020 8227 3811; childrenss@lbbd.gov.uk
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| **s. 42 Enquiry**  |
| 3 stage test: * Has care & support needs
* At risk of abuse or neglect
* Unable to protect themselves duty care & support needs.
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| Risk assessment, MCA if applicable, plan, review. |

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| **Not a s.42 Enquiry**  |
| * Duty: to promote wellbeing, prevention, provide information
* Risk assessment, MCA if applicable, plan, review.
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| **Non-Statutory s. 42**  |
| * Carer is at risk of abuse
* Risk assessment, MCA if applicable, plan, review.
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| **Relevant legislation and/or criminal implications:**  |
| **Anti-social Behavior, Crime and Policing Act 2014:**  makes it a criminal offence to force someone to marry. * Taking someone overseas to force them to marry (whether or not the forced marriage takes place)
* Marrying someone who lacks the mental capacity to consent to the marriage (whether they’re pressured to or not).
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| **Civil Remedy:** Forced Marriage Protection Order (breaching it is a criminal offence, up to 5 years in prison). |

**Relevant Support**

**Karma Nirvana:** 0800, 599, 9247,[www.karmanirvana.org.uk](http://www.karmanirvana.org.uk)

**FCO Forced Marriage Unit:** 020 7008 0151 (or 0044 20 7008 0151 if you are overseas), fmu@fco.gov.uk

**Women’s Aid:** 0808 2000 247, [www.womensaid.org.uk](http://www.womensaid.org.uk)

**IKWRO:** [www.ikwro.org.uk](http://www.ikwro.org.uk)