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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](mailto: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. |
| 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). |
| **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](mailto: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)