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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ03494**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Forced Marriage 2012-2017.

For each of the financial years 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, please can you disclose:

1a. The number of reports received by the local authority relating to forced marriages or suspected forced marriages.

2a. The age of the youngest victim of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage.

3a. The number of victims of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage who were aged 15 or under.

4a. The number of victims of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage who were pregnant or had any children when they were aged 15 or under.

5a. The number of victims of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage who were pregnant or had any children when they were aged 17 or under.

6a. The number of care proceedings undertaken by the local authority relating to forced marriages.

7a. The number of care proceedings undertaken by the local authority relating to victims of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage who were pregnant or had any children when they were aged 15 or under.

8a. The number of care proceedings undertaken by the local authority relating to the children had by victims of forced marriage.

9a. The number of times the local authority reported to the police the father of the children had by victims of forced marriage.

Risk of forced marriage:

For each of the financial years 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, please can you disclose:

1b. The number of reports received by the local authority relating to those at risk of forced marriages.

2b. The number of care proceedings undertaken by the local authority relating to those at risk of forced marriages.

3b. The age of the youngest victim at risk of a forced marriage.

4b. The number of victims at risk of a forced marriages who were aged 15 or under.

5b. The number of victims at risk of a forced marriages who were aged 17 or under.

In response, we can only provide the following data below from the Coventry Domestic Violence and Abuse Services, which shows how many people were attending their services.

| Financial year | Number of people |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 14/15 Quarter 4 | Less than 5 |
| 15/16 | 11 |
| 16/17 | Less than 5 |

Please note that the services were commissioned from September 2014 and we will not have any previous year's data.

In regards to the remaining questions, we can confirm that we do not hold this information and we are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

To advise and assist you further, we recommend that you contact the West Midlands Police directly as they may have the data you require.

Please see the link below their contact details:

<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/contact-us>

To be of further assistance you can also find further information regarding forced marriage via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forced-marriage>.

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Yours faithfully

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