The United Nations defines “Violence against Women” as a "form of discrimination against women and a violation of human rights and shall mean all acts of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or mental harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life."

**Types but not limited to:**
- Domestic abuse
- Sexual harassment
- Rape
- Forced marriage
- So-called ‘honour’-based violence
- Female genital mutilation (FGM)
- Trafficking

(Wales Violence Against Women Action Group)

**It is estimated that there area up to 100 victims of Forced Marriage each year in Wales**

(Home Office, 2016)

**Useful Contacts**
- Forced Marriage Unit
  020 7008 0151
- FGM helpline
  0800 028 3550
- Modern Day Slavery helpline
  0800 012 1700

There are an estimated 137,000 women and girls affected by FGM in England and Wales (NSPCC, 2015)