

# Support through 'Honour'-Based Abuse



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Together Women support a young woman to build a new life away from her family

BB is a 22 year old Asian British woman who came to Together Women via probation, after she received a 12 month Community Order for Driving Under the Influence.

BB originally presented with mental health issues in relation to childhood sexual abuse gender issues and rejection from her family and. As the relationship between BB and her Key Worker developed and the trust between them grew, BB disclosed that a family meeting had been held, at which 'honour' killing was spoken about.

*“I have never know anything progress as quickly as this...this is exactly what BB needed.”*

## What we are doing

BB decided that she could not live at home any longer, and Together Women immediately contacted Women's Aid. Unfortunately, the only available property was unsuitable for a single woman, so BB's Key Worker began contacting organisations all over England to try and find BB somewhere safe to stay which was both suitable and available straight away. Together Women knew the courage it had taken BB to decide she had to leave home, and that there was only a short window of opportunity to help her act on it.

To Together Women's great relief, an organisation called 'akt', which supports LGBTQ+ young people aged 16-25 in the UK who are experiencing homelessness or living in a hostile environment to find safe homes, was able to help BB leave her family home and move to a refuge in the South West of England. Once there, she was able to register with a GP practice and a mental health support plan could be put in place for her. Before she left West Yorkshire, Together Women advised BB to change her phone number and delete her iCloud account.

BB's case shows that through building trusting relationships, partnership working and sheer persistence, a pathway through complexity, leading to a positive outcome like this, can be found.



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*" Look at this  
outcome!! You should  
feel really proud of  
yourself"*

*Message to BB's Key Worker from  
West Yorkshire Probation*

