

The **Halo Project** has 10 years of experience as a specialist by and for national charity based in Middlesbrough providing confidential advice, specialist support and safe, secure housing / refuge accommodation for Black and minoritised (BME) women and girl victims and survivors of domestic abuse, sexual violence and hidden harms, including honour-based abuse, forced marriage and female genital mutilation.

Halo also works with partners and communities across the area to raise awareness and provide the required interventions and specialist advice necessary to protect victims and to reduce their risks.

#### **OUR SPECIALIST SERVICE OFFER:**

- Specialist support and advice hub for victims and professionals - 01642 683 045 (Mon-Fri 9-5)
- Face to face community support across Cleveland, Durham and North Yorkshire by dedicated BME Case Worker
- Ongoing safeguarding - planned emotional, cultural, and practical support in multiple languages by qualified community ISVA
- Immigration support and guidance (including right to remain for those with no recourse to public funds [NRPF])
- Legal advice and access to solicitors through Halo Legal, including help with all aspects of family law, divorce, restraining orders, forced marriage and FGM protection orders - plus ongoing emotional support in court
- Emergency specialist safe housing / refuge accommodation and relocation / move on housing support
- Support with finances, benefit access, access to emergency in-house grants, plus budgeting education and advice

Continued overleaf

**For support with cases or to signpost survivors, contact Halo's specialist Support Hub on 01642 683 045, [info@haloproject.org.uk](mailto:info@haloproject.org.uk) or message us via webchat at [haloproject.org.uk](https://haloproject.org.uk)**





#### **OUR SPECIALIST SERVICE OFFER CONTINUED:**

- Accredited trauma informed BME community education programmes to empower, aid in trauma recovery, and prevent revictimisation.
- These include Halo Hope (Recovery and Understanding), Halo Exhale (Mental Health and Wellbeing), Money Matters (Budgeting), First Steps to Work, and Everyday English (pre-ESOL)
- Working with our extensive partner network we deliver dual support in sister refuges and additional specialist support as required
- Multi-agency partnership working including MARAC attendance for specialist safeguarding advice and victim advocacy
- Specialist accredited training to professionals and communities include It's Not Culture It's Abuse (Forced marriage, FGM, and Honour-based Abuse), Let's Talk About It (Sexual abuse including CSA in BME communities), Cultural Competencies (Enhanced care for diverse values) – as well as bespoke options tailored to suit all needs.
- Safeguarding advice and guidance for professionals and partner agencies
- Halo Hubs – student-led platforms to raise awareness of hidden harms on campus, signpost survivors to specialist support and work to prevent sexual violence through training, safeguarding and student action
- Third-party hate crime reporting centre