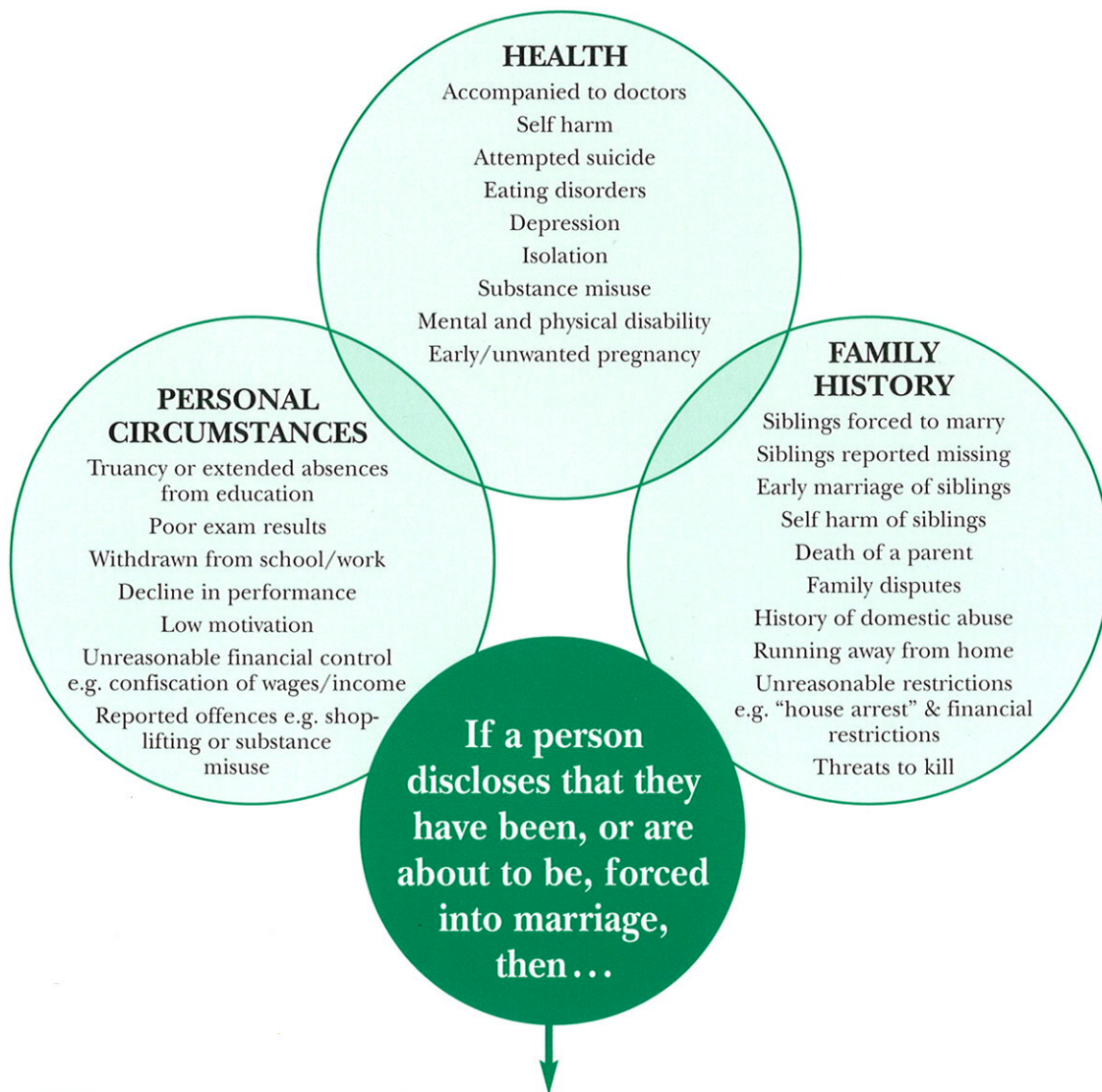


Warning signs of forced marriage



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      Start --> Q3{Is it necessary to involve manager or admit to hospital or involve the police? Follow multi-agency guidelines.}
      
      Q1 -- Yes --> A1[Assess personal risk. How serious is the threat? Is there a family history of forced marriage?]
      Q1 -- No --> A2[Discuss a safety plan and provide information on support agencies. For further information contact the Forced Marriage Unit on 020 70080151]
      
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      Q3 -- No --> A2
      
      A1 --> A4[Refer to social care services and the local police Child Protection Unit as appropriate. Activate local child in need/safeguarding procedures.]
      
      A2 --> A5[Document everything accurately and get as much information as possible from them, e.g. full name, date of birth, father's name and any addresses where they may be staying overseas. Advise them not to travel overseas.]
      A5 --> A6[Consider the need to share information safely with police and social care services.]
  
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For detailed information refer to Forced Marriage: Guidance for Health Professionals, Foreign & Commonwealth Office et al. 2007