

## FAITH & COMMUNITY LEADERS DECLARATION ON FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM) & FORCED MARRIAGE

### **I/we, recognise that FGM:**

- in all its types, is a grave violation of the rights of girls and women.
- is child abuse and a violation of a child's bodily integrity as well as their right to health.
- can have serious consequences for a woman's health and in some instances can lead to death
- is not a religious requirement. Causing harm and distress is not condoned by our faith.

### **I/we, agree that Forced Marriage:**

- forced marriage is a serious violation of human rights and a form of violence against women and men.
- consent to marriage should always be full and free.
- forced marriage can carry grave consequences. Victims of forced marriage can suffer physical, psychological, emotional, financial and sexual harm.
- as leaders of our communities, we do not accept any practice which causes harm and distress to the victims.
- our faith does not condone forced marriage.

<b>Name (Signature)*</b>	<b>Organisation**</b>	<b>Title**</b>	<b>Email***</b>

\*Will be scanned into an anonymised pledge

\*\*Will be sent to Government Interfaith Team

\*\*\*This will only be kept by 28 Too Many in case of further follow up inter-faith work. It will not be passed to any other party

### **Next Steps:**

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