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Effect of, and experiences with interventions for young people exposed to forced marriage or honour-related violence

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# Key messages (English)

The unit for Social Welfare Services in the Division for Health Services at the Norwegian Institute for Public Health was commissioned by The Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs to identify empirical research on the effect of and experiences of interventions for young people exposed to forced marriage or honour-based violence.

### Methods

We conducted a systematic literature search of relevant databases. In September 2017, an Information Retrieval Specialist designed and conducted the systematic search. Two researchers screened all titles and abstracts to identify references that met pre-defined inclusion criteria.

### Results

We did not identify any empirical research on the effect of or experiences of interventions for young people who have been exposed to forced marriage or honour-based violence.

There is a clear need for research on the effect of, and experiences with interventions for young people who have been exposed to forced marriage or honour-based violence.

**Title:**  
Effect of, and experiences with interventions for young people exposed to forced marriage or honour-related violence: A systematic literature search with sorting

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**Type of publication:**  
**Systematic literature search with sorting**

A systematic literature search with sorting is the result of a search for relevant literature according to a specific search strategy. The references resulting from the search are then grouped and presented with their abstracts.

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**Doesn't answer everything:**  
No analysis or synthesis of the results  
No recommendations

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**Publisher:**  
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# Hovedbudskap (Norsk)

Seksjon for velferdstjenester i område for helsetjenester i Folkehelseinstituttet fikk i oppdrag av Barne-, ungdoms- og familiedirektoratet å identifisere forskning om effekt av og erfaring med tiltak for unge som er blitt utsatt for tvangsekteskap eller æresrelatert vold.

## Metoder

Vi utførte et systematisk litteratursøk i relevante databaser. En forskningsbibliotekar utviklet og gjennomførte søket i september 2017. To forskere gikk uavhengig av hverandre gjennom identifiserte titler og sammendrag og vurderte relevans i forhold til inklusjonskriteriene.

## Resultater

Vi identifiserte ingen empiriske studier som så på effekt av eller erfaringer med tiltak for unge som er blitt utsatt for tvangsekteskap eller æresrelatert vold.

Det er behov for studier om effekt av og erfaringer med tiltak for unge som er blitt utsatt for tvangsekteskap eller æresrelatert vold.

### Tittel:

Effekt av, og erfaringer med, tiltak for unge som er blitt utsatt for tvangsekteskap eller æresrelatert vold: Systematisk søk med sortering

### Publikasjonstype:

#### Systematisk litteratursøk med sortering

Et systematisk litteratursøk med sortering er resultatet av å

- Søke etter relevant litteratur ifølge en søkstrategi og
- Eventuelt sortere denne litteraturen i grupper presentert med referanser

### Svarer ikke på alt:

- Ingen analyse eller sammenfatning av resultatene
- Ingen anbefalinger

### Hvem står bak denne publikasjonen?

Folkehelseinstituttet har gjennomført oppdraget etter forespørsel fra Barne-, ungdoms- og familiedirektoratet.

### Når ble litteratursøket utført?

Søk etter studier ble avsluttet september 2017.

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# Preface

The Unit for Social Research in the Division for Health Services at The Norwegian Institute of Public Health was commissioned in 2017 to conduct a systematic search of the literature to identify primary research studies on the effect of, or experiences with interventions for young people exposed to forced marriage or honour-based violence.

We have searched systematically for relevant literature, with the aim of identifying studies that meet pre-defined inclusion criteria and sorting them according to study, population and intervention characteristics.

The project group consisted of:

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# Introduction

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## Objective

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The aim of this project is to identify and sort relevant studies that examine the effect of, and experiences with interventions given to young people who have been exposed to forced marriage or honour-based violence.

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## Background

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### *Honour-based violence*

Honour-based violence is “... carried out as a commission from the extended family, to restore honour after the family has been dishonoured. As a rule, the basic cause is a rumour that any female family member has behaved in an immoral way” (Unni Wikan, as cited in Baobaid and Hamed 2010, p. 25; (1)).” This can include murder, however, much more commonly, honour-based violence involves punishments such as restrictions on freedom, verbal violence, and physical abuse (2).

### *Forced marriage*

Forced marriage is a form of intimate partner violence. It is a serious breach of Norwegian law and basic human rights (3). The Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs (Bufdir) further specifies that *force* can include use of violence, confinement or psychological pressure (4).

In 2016, 41 cases around Norway were reported to minority counsellors regarding fear of, or actual, forced marriage (5). In 2015, the Competence Team Against Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation in Bufdir advised on 399 cases, of which 39% were regarding fear of, or actual, forced marriage (6). In the same year, 39 young people were placed in shelters under the national housing and support plan for young people exposed to forced marriage and honour-based violence (6).

It is unclear how many cases of honour-based violence are reported in Norway each year, however, approximately 5000 women worldwide were killed in acts of honour in 2000. This number is assumed to be much larger in reality since very often honour-based crimes are reported as suicide or missing persons (7).

**Why is this systematic search with sorting of references important?**

Young people exposed to honour-related violence and forced marriage can have long-term physical and mental health challenges (8). Bufdir is responsible for developing and managing services to support young people exposed to forced marriage and honour-based violence. Current services include housing and support, crisis centres and family welfare services. In order to further develop these services, the Directorate requires evidence on which to base policy and practice decisions.



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# Methods

We searched systematically in relevant databases for empirical studies that met predefined inclusion criteria (described below).

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## Inclusion criteria

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We used the following inclusion criteria to identify primary research on the effect of, or experience with interventions for young people who have been exposed to forced marriage or honour-based violence.

<b>Population:</b>	Young people (under 30 years old) who are, or are at risk for becoming, exposed to forced marriage or honour-based violence. To be included, participants must be at individual risk for forced marriage/honour-based violence, and not only be part of a population group that is considered at risk for forced marriage or honour-based violence.
<b>Intervention:</b>	Interventions given to the population described above. The intervention may target a wider population (domestic violence survivors/victims), however, for inclusion there must be explicitly one or more participants who fulfil the population domain criteria.
<b>Comparison:</b>	No comparison, usual service or another intervention aimed at the same population.
<b>Outcomes:</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Language:</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Year:</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Country:</b>	No restrictions.

For qualitative studies, we were open to including studies that reported any perspective, including the person being exposed to forced marriage or honour-based violence, the family of that person, or the individuals responsible for providing the intervention.

### *Exclusion criteria*

We did not include studies where the intervention targeted domestic violence survivors/victims without an explicit mention of the population of interest in the ab-

stract/title. We did not include studies that examined interventions aimed at population groups considered to be at risk for forced marriage or honour-based violence (e.g. ethnic minority girls from countries where honour-based violence is common).

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## Search strategy

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An Information Retrieval Specialist (LN) developed and conducted the systematic search for studies in databases. The search strategy was peer reviewed by another information retrieval specialist and the project lead (HMK). We searched in the following databases:

- PsycINFO
- Campbell Library
- Cochrane Library (incl. CENTRAL)
- PubMed
- Social Services Abstracts
- Sociological Abstracts
- CINAHL
- ISI Web of Science
- Epistemonikos
- SocIndex
- ASSIA

In addition, we searched for relevant literature in Google Scholar using the terms “honour-based violence” OR “honour-related violence” AND effect OR experience and “forced marriage” AND effect OR experience.

See Appendix 1 for a full description of the search strategy.

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## Study selection

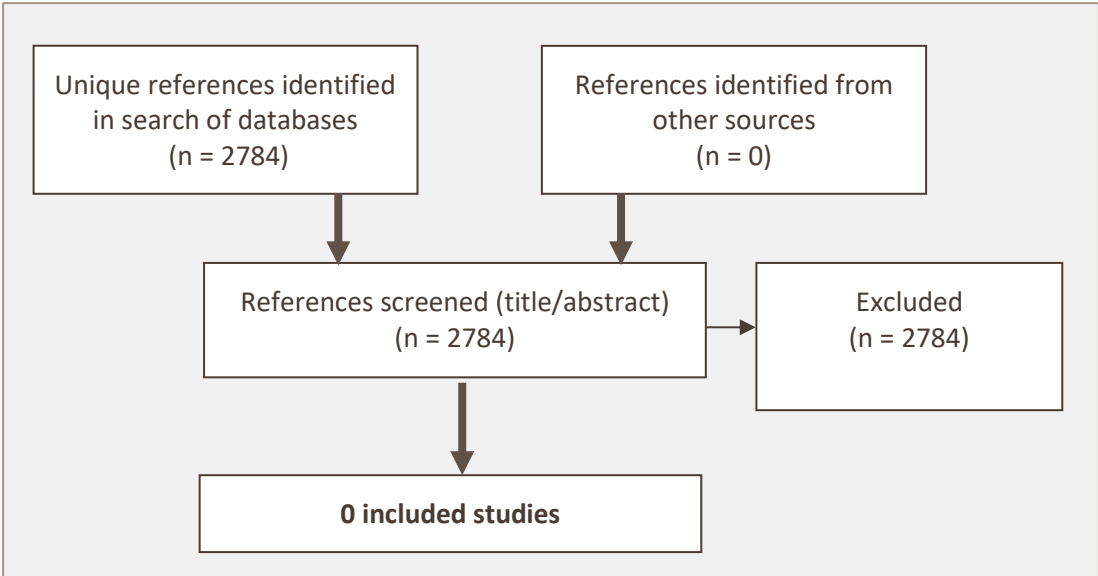
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Two researchers (HMK & NB) independently screened the titles and abstracts of identified references using the screening software Rayyan (<https://rayyan.qcri.org/reviews>). References were included if they meet the inclusion criteria described above. Where we were in disagreement about relevance, we discussed until we reached consensus.

# Results

## Results of the literature search

The systematic literature search and search of the grey literature resulted in 2784 potentially relevant references. We did not identify any references that fulfilled inclusion criteria based on screening of abstracts and titles (Figure 1).



Figur 1. PRISMA Flow chart

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# Discussion

The results of this systematic search of the literature indicate that little or potentially no primary research has been done on the effect of, or people's experiences with interventions given to support victims/survivors of honour-based violence and/or forced marriage. There appears to be a substantial amount of research conducted on preventing honour-based violence and/or forced marriage, and some research on young people's experiences of these phenomena. One potential way to take this research question forward is to do a systematic review of qualitative research on young people's experiences of honour based violence and/or forced marriage in order to develop an idea of the type of support this group needs/wants. A primary study done by a Swedish student in 2013 aimed to explore just this idea by looking at "the actual needs and wants of subjected women and to understand their own perception of this type of violence and its underlying causes" (p.8 (9)). Synthesizing and summarizing such research could support the development of future interventions to support this population.

This systematic search of the literature clearly shows that there is a need for research on the effect of and experiences with interventions given to young people who have been exposed to forced marriage or honour-based violence.

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# Appendices

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## Appendix 1. Search strategy

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**Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations, Ovid MEDLINE(R) Daily and Ovid MEDLINE(R) 1946 to Present**

**Date: 05.09.2017**

**Hits: 577**

#	Searches	Results
1	Marriage/	22733
2	Coercion/	4311
3	Minors/	2504
4	1 and (2 or 3)	66
5	(((coerc* or early or forced or forcibl*) adj3 marri*) or force* to marry).mp.	937
6	((child or childhood) adj (marriage* or bride*)).mp.	166
7	((honor or honour) adj10 (abus* or crime* or femicide* or homicide* or kill* or murder* or violen*)).mp.	73
8	or/4-7	1176
9	limit 8 to yr="2000-current"	604
10	remove duplicates from 9	577

**Database: PsycINFO 1806 to August Week 4 2017**

**Date: 05.09.2017**

**Hits: 775**

#	Searches	Results
1	marriage/	7934
2	coercion/	1921
3	1 and 2	9
4	(((coerc* or early or forced or forcibl*) adj3 marri*) or force* to marry).mp.	762
5	((child or childhood) adj (marriage* or bride*)).mp.	108
6	((honor or honour) adj10 (abus* or crime* or femicide* or homicide* or kill* or murder* or violen*)).mp.	277
7	3 or 4 or 5 or 6	1111
8	limit 7 to yr="2000-current"	775
9	remove duplicates from 8	775

**Database:** Embase 1974 to 2017 September 01

**Date:** 05.09.2017

**Hits:** 354

#	Searches	Results
1	forced marriage/	52
2	(((coerc* or early or forced or forcibl*) adj3 marri*) or force* to marry).mp.	795
3	((child or childhood) adj (marriage* or bride*)).mp.	139
4	((honor or honour) adj10 (abus* or crime* or femicide* or homicide* or kill* or murder* or violen*)).mp.	85
5	or/1-4	975
6	limit 5 to embase	518
7	limit 6 to yr="2000-current"	385
8	remove duplicates from 7	354

**Database:** Cochrane Library

**Date:** 05.09.2017

**Hits:** 22

ID	Search	Hits
#1	[mh ^marriage]	264
#2	[mh ^coercion]	58
#3	[mh ^minors]	9
#4	#1 and (#2 or #3)	0
#5	(((coerc* or early or forced or forcibl*) near/3 marri*) or force*-to-marry)	17
#6	((child or childhood) next (marriage* or bride*))	4
#7	((honor or honour) near/10 (abus* or crime* or femicide* or homicide* or kill* or murder* or violen*))	2
#8	{or #4-#7} [limit Publication Year from 2000 to 2017]	22

**Database: CINAHL (EBSCO)****Date: 05.09.2017****Hits: 138**

#	Query	Results
S1	(MH "Marriage")	4,727
S2	(MH "Coercion")	1,125
S3	(MH "Minors (Legal)")	433
S4	s1 and (s2 or s3)	38
S5	TI ( (((coerc* or early or forced or forcibl*) N2 marri*) or force*-to-marry) ) OR AB ( (((coerc* or early or forced or forcibl*) N2 marri*) or force*-to-marry) ) OR SU ( (((coerc* or early or forced or forcibl*) N2 marri*) or force*-to-marry) )	162
S6	TI ( ((child or childhood) W0 (marriage* or bride*)) ) OR AB ( ((child or childhood) W0 (marriage* or bride*)) ) OR SU ( ((child or childhood) W0 (marriage* or bride*)) )	48
S7	TI ( ((honor or honour) N9 (abus* or crime* or femicide* or homicide* or kill* or murder* or violen*)) ) OR AB ( ((honor or honour) N9 (abus* or crime* or femicide* or homicide* or kill* or murder* or violen*)) ) OR SU ( ((honor or honour) N9 (abus* or crime* or femicide* or homicide* or kill* or murder* or violen*)) )	36
S8	S4 OR S5 OR S6 OR S7	261
S9	S4 OR S5 OR S6 OR S7 [Limiters - Published Date: 20000101-20171231]	143
S10	S4 OR S5 OR S6 OR S7 [Limiters - Exclude MEDLINE record]	138

**Database: ERIC (EBSCO)****Date: 05.09.2017****Hits: 100**

#	Query	Results
S1	TX (((coerc* or early or forced or forcibl*) N2 marri*) or force*-to-marry)	171
S2	TX ((child or childhood) W0 (marriage* or bride*))	26
S3	TX ((honor or honour) N9 (abus* or crime* or femicide* or homicide* or kill* or murder* or violen*))	15
S4	S1 OR S2 OR S3	207
S5	S1 OR S2 OR S3 [Limiters - Date Published: 20000101-20171231]	100

**Database: Web of Science Core Collection****Date: 05.09.2017****Hits: 1497**

#	Query	Results
1	TS=(((coerc* or early or forced or forcibl*) NEAR/2 marri*) or force*-to-marry or child-marriage* or childhood-marriage* or child-bride* or childhood-bride or ((honor or honour) NEAR/9 (abus* or crime* or femicide* or homicide* or kill* or murder* or violen*)))	1497



**Database: Scopus**

**Date: 05.09.2017**

**Hits: 101**

[Title, Abstract, Keyword:] (((coerc\* or early or forced or forcibl\*) W/2 marri\*) or force\*-to-marry or child-marriage\* or childhood-marriage\* or child-bride\* or childhood- bride or ((honor or honour) W/9 (abus\* or crime\* or femicide\* or homicide\* or kill\* or murder\* or violen\*)))

[Limit to year >2000]

**Database: Sociological Abstracts (ProQuest)**

**Date: 05.09.2017**

**Hits: 938**

(((SU.EXACT("Marriage") AND SU.EXACT("Coercion")) OR ((SU.EXACT("Honor") OR SU.EXACT("Shame")) AND (SU.EXACT("Homicide") OR SU.EXACT("Violence") OR SU.EXACT("Family Violence") OR SU.EXACT("Emotional Abuse") OR SU.EXACT("Child Abuse") OR SU.EXACT("Abuse") OR SU.EXACT("Crime")))) OR ti,ab,su(((coerc\* or early or forced or forcibl\*) NEAR/2 marri\*) or force\*-to-marry or child-marriage\* or childhood-marriage\* or child-bride\* or childhood bride or ((honor or honour) NEAR/9 (abus\* or crime\* or femicide\* or homicide\* or kill\* or murder\* or violen\*)))) AND pd(>20000101))

**Database: Epistemonikos**

**Date: 05.09.2017**

**Hits: 3**

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[Limit to year >2000]

**Database: NorArt**

**Date: 05.09.2017**

**Hits: 75**

Søk 1:

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[Limit to year >2000]

Søk 2:

[Ordsøk:] tvångsäktenskap OR "hedersrelaterat våld" OR "tvångsægteskab" OR "æresrelateret vold" OR "æresdrap" OR "æresdrab" OR "hedersmord" OR hedersdråp OR skammord OR "hedersrelaterat förtryck" OR æresrelatert OR æresdrap 23  
[Limit to year >2000]

**Database: SveMed+**

**Date: 05.09.2017**

**Hits: 5**

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7	tvangsekteskap OR tvångsäktenskap OR "tvångsægteskab" OR "æresrelateret vold" OR "hedersrelaterat våld" OR "æresdrap" OR "æresdrab" OR "hedersmord" OR hedersdråp OR skammord OR "hedersrelaterat förtryck" OR æresrelatert OR æresdrap	3
8	#6 OR #7 3	

**Database: Campbell Library**

**Date: 05.09.2017**

**Hits: 0**

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**Google Scholar**

**Date: 09.10.2017**

**Hits: 537 (screened the first 100 hits)**

Search: violence OR "honor related" violence AND effect OR experience "honor based" - prevent -prevention

Search: "forced marriage" AND effect OR experience -prevent -prevention

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