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National Day of Memory - Say Her Name Campaign

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We are writing as organisations and individuals committed to justice for victims of honour-based abuse.

Domestic abuse related suicide now claims three women every week in England and Wales, surpassing the two women per week killed through domestic homicide. Yet within this crisis lies a hidden and disproportionate reality; research consistently shows that South Asian women, particularly those aged 15-24, face suicide rates more than double the national average with studies linking this elevated risk directly to honour-based abuse, cultural coercion, and the barriers these women face in accessing appropriate support. These deaths are not being counted, not being investigated, and not being prosecuted. Perpetrators are walking free, families are being denied justice and the law, as it exists, fails to recognise honour-based abuse related suicides.

In partnership with our survivors, victims and stakeholders we call on the Government and statutory agencies to:

- Create a new statutory offence of suicide aggravated by harassment, violence or abuse, ensuring perpetrators of honour-based abuse that drives a victim to her death are held criminally accountable
- Mandate data collection on honour-based abuse related suicides, including ethnicity, within national suicide statistics
- Issue guidance from the College of Policing requiring all suspicious suicides to be investigated through an honour-based abuse lens
- Actively pursue prosecutions under the Suicide Act 1961 where coercion or encouragement of suicide is evidenced

We must reform our approach and improve understanding for Domestic Homicide Reviews to ensure perpetrators do not inform the learning, Say her name. Change the law. Deliver justice. Please sign below including your name, job title, organisation, and consent to be publicly listed. The letter and full list of signatories will be formally submitted to the Home Secretary, the Victims Commissioner, the College of Policing, and relevant parliamentary committees.

Your name matters, the support of our organisation's endorsement matters. We are confident together we can ensure our victims are no longer invisible to the law and perpetrators are held accountable.

With solidarity,

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Please sign here (Name, Organisation)

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