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CASE STUDY 1

The initials of the women featured in this case study
have been changed to protect their identities.



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AB was removed from family home by Cleveland Police due to concerns regarding her safety. AB is of Pakistani decent. her marriage was arranged and she moved to Hartlepool to live with her husband and his extended family. During 8 years of marriage AB was physically, financially and mentally abused. She was barred from using basic facilities such as the family bathroom and was told to bathe from a bucket of water, even after she gave birth to her daughter.

She was beaten regularly by all the family with sticks. hands or pulling out AB's hair and was made to cook and clean from 7am until 12 midnight every day of the week. AB managed to get to a phone one day and phoned 999, Police took immediate action and AB was placed in a safe house. AB was unable to take her daughter and it became clear that her signature had been forged on to numerous documents. One example is that AB's signature was on a document which gave up her parental responsibilities another was to claim carers allowance, all documents were signed fraudulently by the husbands family, without AB's consent.

AB did not have basic living skills. she had had hardly any communication with the outside world, and she was lacking in confidence and unable to do the most basic task.

With support from Halo and Hestia AB is now going to the shops, paying her bills and will soon be awarded full custody of her daughter who is now living with AB full-time.

Final custody hearing has not yet been heard.

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