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# Freedom from Negative Social Control and Honour Based Violence (2021-2024)

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The freedom to decide over one's own life is fundamental in our society. Nevertheless, we see repeated examples of how this freedom is being curtailed. There is a need for an active policy to combat attitudes and actions that impede an individual's opportunities to both succeed and live a free and safe life. Combating negative social control, honour based violence, forced marriage and female genital mutilation has consequently long been a high priority for the Government. These efforts involve safeguarding fundamental rights, ensuring freedom and equality for all, combating violence and abuse, preventing social exclusion and health problems and ensuring equal public services for the entire population.