

Quantative Market Research Survey

Carried out from Dec 2016-July 2017

By 20 community researchers across the country (all Muslim females).

In 14 locations: Glasgow, Newcastle, Preston, Bradford, Stockport, Manchester, Stoke on Trent, Leicester, Birmingham, Oxford, Cardiff, London, Bristol, Gloucester, Cambridge.

**Criteria: had to be female, Muslim and married in the UK.
4/5 of women questioned were born in the UK.**

Commissioned by Channel 4 and True Vision Aire Production Company

Sample: Survey 1: 423

Sample: Survey 2: 900

Total sample: 923

Figures below from both surveys.

KEY RESULTS:

- 99% of those questioned had had an Islamic Nikah ceremony
- 60% of those questioned had a Nikah only ceremony, with no civil ceremony to make their marriage recognised by the law (3 in 5)
- 28% of those who had a Nikah only, did not realise that their Nikah ceremony was not legally recognised, and instead thought that they were married with full protection of the law
- 30.7% of the women were married in a mosque; only 3.7 of them had a civil marriage as well as a nikah marriage in the mosque.

- Only 12.4% of them were advised by an Imam on what it takes to be married legally – even though 69.7% were being married by an Imam.
- More than two thirds of those women who had a Nikah only, did not plan to have one in the future
- 10% of those who responded to the survey were in a polygamous relationship, and of those 37% said that they had not consented to it. The vast majority of this 37% who would prefer not to be in a polygamous relationship said that it was done without their knowledge.
- 89% of the total number of women surveyed did not wish to be in a polygamous relationship
-
- 78% of those questioned would like a legally recognised marriage