

Improving Services Safeguarding & Meeting the National Reporting Requirement for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

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*“You can not end FGM through legislation alone. It takes all of us, to act & work together.”
Christian Papalentiou, UK Home Office, 8th February 2016*

*“There are some actions which, once taken, can never be undone. Female genital mutilation is one such action – it changes everything. We owe it to survivors of this terrible practice to provide the best physical and psychological support we can, but we also need to strengthen the way we detect and report those potentially at risk, so that more girls and young women can be taken out of harm’s way...We know we still need to do more to strengthen FGM safeguarding and prevention across the NHS...I am sure NHS colleagues will continue to fulfil their wider safeguarding obligations under local arrangements as before. The mandatory reporting duty does not replace existing safeguarding obligations – rather it enhances the prevention response.”
Jon Rouse, Director General, Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships
Department of Health, 18th Dec 2015*

*“The NHS reported in February 2015 that 2,600 cases of FGM were treated in six months.”
Vanessa Lodge, Chair National FGM Steering Group NHS England August 2015*

Chaired by Vanessa Lodge, Chair of the National FGM Steering Group at NHS England, this conference looks at improving services, safeguarding, and meeting the national reporting requirements for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Through national updates, extended sessions and case studies the conference will look at your obligations with regard to reporting FGM, safeguarding those at risk of FGM, and providing effective services for victims of FGM.

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10.00 Chairman's Introduction

Vanessa Lodge *Chair, National FGM Steering Group NHS England*

10.10 FGM: A Personal Journey

Hibo Wardere

10.30 National update and developments to tackle FGM

Vanessa Lodge

*Chair, National FGM Steering Group
NHS England*

- national developments
- supporting health professionals who are directly working with women and girls that may be at risk or have been victims of FGM
- the FGM Risk Indication System
- moving forward

11.00 EXTENDED SESSION: Mandatory reporting and legal requirements for reporting and safeguarding

Mary MacGregor

Browne Jacobson LLP

- the legal duty to report: what and who does this cover?
- responsibilities in safeguarding and reporting for children and adults
- recording of risk of FGM
- understand the role of the new FGM Protection Order and when it can be used
- consequences of failing to comply with reporting requirements

11.45 *Question and answers, followed by coffee and exhibition*

12.15 EXTENDED PANEL SESSION

Information sharing and decision making round reporting FGM in adult women

"There is no requirement for automatic referral of adult women with FGM to adult social services or the police. The wishes of the woman must be respected at all time" Department of Health 2015

Information Sharing and FGM: Current Issues and ensuring the fear of reporting does not deter women from seeking medical help

Presentations from:

Christopher Bunch

Caldicott Guardian Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust

Janet Fyle MBE

Professional Policy Advisor Royal College of Midwives

Dr Sharon Raymond

GP & Author FGM 'A Handbook for professionals in health, education, social care and the police'

13.00 *Question and answers, followed by lunch and exhibition*

FOCUS: Safeguarding women and girls at risk of FGM

14.00 Safeguarding women and girls at risk of FGM

Allen Davis *Inspector – Partnership Team, SOECA Command*

With DC Natalie Reseigh

Metropolitan Police Service

- how can we safeguard against FGM?
- identifying women and children at risk of FGM
- encouraging sharing of information in relation to FGM

14.30 Safeguarding care of the pregnant woman and her family where Female Genital Mutilation has been identified

Sally Burns and Beverley Tinsley

*Specialist Midwives, Vulnerable Women
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust*

- educating and empowering staff to discuss the subject with an empathetic approach
- developing and improving the care pathway
- our experience in Dudley

15.00 Working with the police on FGM cases

Angie Marriott LLB *hons*

Registered Nurse Independent Consultant Employment Law Equality & Diversity/Project Manager

Diversity & Employment Solutions (DES) Support Action Womens Network (SAWN)

- when and when not to involve the police in FGM cases
- working with the police in safeguarding
- tools available to improving outcomes

15.30 *Question and answers, followed by tea*

FOCUS: Developing effective services for victims of FGM

16.00 Developing effective services for victims of FGM

Yvette Robbin Coker

Training and Development Coordinator

FORWARD

- the services we offer: developing an effective care pathway for victims of FGM
- ensuring the service is accessible to as many women as possible, irrespective of where they live and what language they speak
- working with community outreach

16.30 Meeting the psychological needs of women and children who have experienced FGM

Peggy Mulongo

*Specialist Health Consultant / Project Management Consultancy
& Founder New Step for the African Community*

- delivering cross-cultural psychosocial therapy to women who have experienced mental distress associated with Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- developing the service

17.00 *Question and answers, followed by close*

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