



FGM Prevention online resources

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The following resources are available online for NHS organisations and professionals to help provide care for women with FGM and to safeguard and protect girls from harm. Please note, many professional bodies and healthcare regulators have also published resources and guidance.

Safeguarding women and girls at risk of FGM

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-women-and-girls-at-risk-of-fgm>

This document provides practical help to support NHS organisations developing new safeguarding policies and procedures for female genital mutilation (FGM).

Commissioning services to support women and girls with FGM

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/services-for-women-and-girls-with-fgm>

This document sets out what a successful and safe service to support women and girls with FGM might look like.

Female Genital Mutilation: Multi-Agency Practice Guidelines

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/female-genital-mutilation-guidelines>

The Home Office have launched a consultation on multi-agency statutory guidelines.

You can access and take part in the consultation here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-draft-statutory-multi-agency-practice-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation-fgm>

The consultation will until 30 September and you can respond online or by email.

If you have any queries about the consultation, please contact: FGMconsultation@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Health Education England elearning – free online training for health professionals

<http://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/female-genital-mutilation/>

NHS Choices FGM webpage for professionals

<http://www.nhs.uk/fmgguidelines>

Including a 25 minute video ‘Women talking about their personal experiences of female genital mutilation (FGM)’. Additional video material will be released shortly.

Statement opposing female genital mutilation known as ‘health passport’

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/statement-opposing-female-genital-mutilation>

This can be given to girls and families to help them when explaining the illegality and complications of FGM to wider family and community members, both when they are abroad and in the UK.

Patient information leaflets

Patient information leaflets provide a simple explanation of what FGM is, and the health complications.

If an NHS organisation is collecting a woman’s information under the FGM Enhanced Dataset collection (see below), then they should always give patient this leaflet as it provides information about how to object to her information being used.

Both **health passports** and **patient information leaflets** are available to order online at <https://www.orderline.dh.gov.uk>.

These are free of charge to order, and available in English and ten other languages.

They can also be downloaded as PDF documents from www.nhs.uk/fgm and selecting 'FGM resources and links'.

FGM Risk Indication System

We have introduced a system that allows a clinician to record on a child's healthcare record when it is identified she is potentially at risk of FGM at some point in her childhood/lifetime. This information will be accessible to all healthcare professionals treating her throughout her childhood, highlighting that they need to consider the potential risk of FGM as and when they provide care, and what safeguarding discussions they should have or actions they might need to take. The system will be available via the NHS Summary Care Record application. Early adopter sites are now using this system, and we are learning from them before launching a national implementation in early 2016. Further information can be found at www.hscic.gov.uk/fgm.

HSCIC (Health and Social Care Information Centre) FGM statistics collected from the NHS

All statistics published from the FGM Datasets between October 2014 and September 2015 found here.

<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/searchcatalogue?q=%22female+genital+mutilation%22&area=&size=10&sort=Relevance>

Required recording (and submission) of FGM information across the NHS– FGM Enhanced Dataset

The following organisations have to meet the requirements of the FGM Enhanced dataset standard from 1 October 2015:

- General Practice
- Mental Health Trusts
- Acute Trusts (mandatory since 1 July 2015)

Organisations collect and return information about patients treated who have FGM to the HSCIC. This information is then anonymised, analysed and will be published in aggregate form. Personal information is only collected as part of the FGM Enhanced dataset for internal data quality assurance and to avoid duplicate counting. A woman or child's personal details will never be published in the national aggregate reports and will never be passed to anyone outside HSCIC. **This work specifically will not pass any personal details to the police or social services - the collection of this data will not trigger individual criminal investigations.**

The first statistics from this new data collection were published on 23 September 2015.

Organisations can find details of what they need to do to comply with the standard, and how to submit data at: www.hscic.gov.uk/fgm.

To answer the standard questions received to date, we have issued additional guidance and clarifications: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fgm-enhanced-dataset-guidance-on-nhs-staff-responsibilities>

Contact details

If you have queries, please contact FGM@dh.gsi.gov.uk.

The Home Office FGM Unit can be contacted at FGMquiries@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.

NSPCC FGM Helpline: 0800 028 3550