**FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION - FGM**

It is illegal in the UK and a criminal offence under the FGM Act 2003.

If you have concerns for a child please ring the Integrated Front Door on 03458503503 or if you have immediate concerns for a child’s safety please dial 999

The Home Office offers free online training for front line professionals in identifying and helping girls at risk of FGM; to access this training visit their website at [www.fgmelearning.co.uk/](https://www.fgmelearning.co.uk/) or at [www.safeguardingchildrenea.co.uk](http://www.safeguardingchildrenea.co.uk/resources/female-genital-mutilation-recognising-preventing-fgm-free-online-training/)

Professional to gather as much detail as possible about the family (Name, D.O.B, Address, School, G.P., Country of Origin, Who supports the family in the UK? Who instigated FGM upon female- Elder etc.? Has mother been spoken to alone? , has an independent interpreter been used? Ensure interpreter’s views on FGM are understood)

**Ring the Integrated Front Door – 0345 8 503 503**

**Ring MASH – 0345 8 503 503**

**Out of Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday

5pm till 8:30am

Friday - Monday

16:30pm till 8:30am

Professional to have a conversation with the adult to say they are making a referral to Children’s Social Care and try to gain consent.

If there are significant safeguarding issues and it would increase the danger/risk then a conversation does not need to take place.

**FGM disclosed**

**or**

**Concerns by professional** Please refer to DOH FGM Safeguarding Pathway

S47

Strategy discussion/meeting

If there are immediate safeguarding concerns the case will progress to a strategy discussion/meeting and a decision made as to whether the threshold is met for S47.

Where appropriate to do so consent should be sought to submit a referral unless it places a child at further risk.

Information sharing with partners in the Integrated Front Door.

Full screening undertaken by Integrated Front Door

And consideration given to all the children.

Integrated Front Door will create a contact on the C&YP System