

Workflow for managing concerns regarding Female Genital Mutilation for under 18 year olds

Practitioners working in health, teaching and social work have a mandatory duty to notify the Police when they identify (informed by the girl or another person e.g. family member / practitioner or observe physical signs) that FGM has been carried out on a girl under 18 - <u>Serious Crime Act 2015</u> (unless a colleague in the same agency has already notified the Police in connection with the same act of FGM).

Practitioners should complete the <u>West Yorkshire Police FGM Reporting</u> <u>Form</u> and email to <u>cib@westyorkshire.pnn.police.uk</u> or call 101



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If concerns regarding FGM are not confirmed possible outcomes include:

- No further action for social work
- Referral for early help or third sector support
- Child becomes subject to Child in Need plan under S17 Children Act 1989 If concerns regarding FGM confirmed possible outcomes include:
- Initial Child Protection Conference (and consideration of Family Group Conference)

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Resources to assist practitioners in undertaking Child & Family Assessment

Department of Health FGM Risk & Safeguarding Guidance for Professionals - consider questions in Annex 1 to help inform assessment National FGM Centre Assessment Toolkit – Consider completing toolkit