

# Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: moving towards a public health approach to prevent harmful practices

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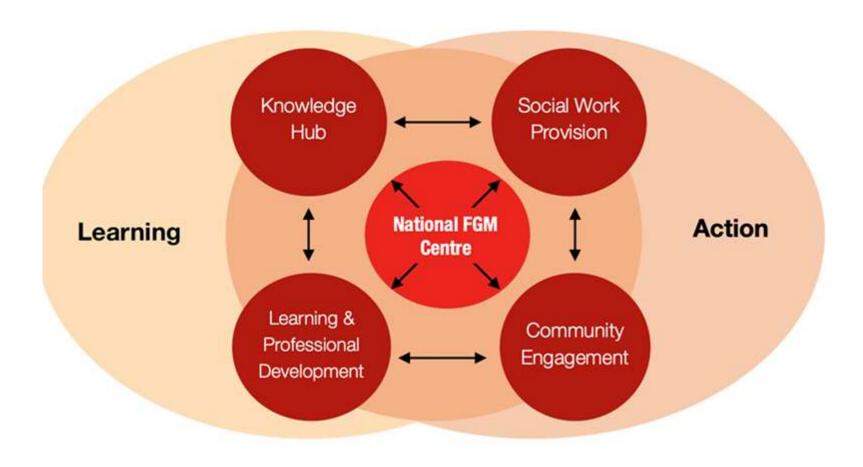
### Background



- ✓ The National FGM Centre (NFGMC www.nationalfgmcentre.org.uk), is a
  partnership between Barnardo's and the Local Government Association. It
  works to end harmful practices including FGM and is part-funded by the
  Department for Education, the Home Office under the Building a stronger Britain
  together (BSBT) programme and the Staffordshire Police and Crime Comssioner
- ✓ Working in 11 Local Authortiies across the UK
- ✓ Our work is part of the VAWG strategy under which FGM is covered

# Centre's Model: Multi Agency Approach





#### NFGMC Aims





#### Other Harmful Practices



- Breast flattening/ironing
- Labia elongation
- Witchcraft & other forms of harm linked to belief

#### FGM and the Law



14 Years Imprisonment

Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003



Serious Crime Act 2015

# Mandatory Reporting



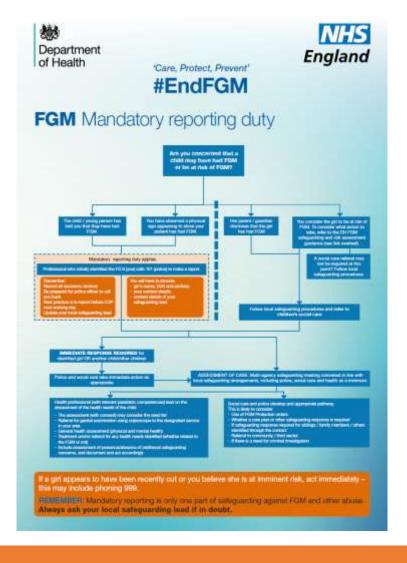
**Teachers, social workers and health professionals** have a duty of care and must report to the police (101) any known cases of FGM

for under 18s

i.e. verbal disclosure or visual identification.

All other professionals to follow normal safeguarding procedures

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Developing excellence in response to FGM and other harmful practices

#### FGM Protection Order



- An FGM Protection Order offers the means of protecting victims or potential victims from FGM under the civil law. Applications for an FGM Order can be made by:
- The girl or women to be protected (in person or with legal representation),
- Any other person with the permission of the court (for example, this could be the police, a voluntary sector support service, a healthcare professional, a teacher, a friend or family member)
- FGMPO can contain such prohibitions, restrictions or other requirements to protect the victim such as withholding her passport and travel documents

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