

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FMG)



WHAT IS FMG?

- FGM is a **human rights violation, torture and an extreme form of violence and discrimination against girls and women**
- It is most often carried out on girls between infancy and age 15, though adult women are occasionally subjected. FGM has no health benefits, only harm.

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- FGM involves **removing and damaging healthy and normal female genital tissue**, thereby interfering with the natural functions of girls' and women's bodies.
- FGM is generally done **without anaesthetic**

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- It is estimated that more than 125 million girls and women globally have undergone FGM, and 30 million are at risk over the next decade.
- Although FGM is not sanctioned by either Islam or by Christianity, supposed religious doctrine is often used to justify the practice.

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- The Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Act came into force on 3 March 2004 and was amended by sections 70 to 75 Serious Crime Act 2015.
- It is **illegal** in the UK. It's also **illegal** to take abroad a British national or permanent resident for FGM , or to help someone trying to do this. You can get up to 14 years in prison for carrying out FGM or helping it to take place.

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- IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS REGARDING THIS ISSUE OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION SPEAK TO YOUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICER – CAROLINE MCCOLL
- For more information got to www.gov.uk and search FMG.
- IF SOMEONE IS AT IMMINENT RISK OF FMG, YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY.