

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

"Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) comprises all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia, or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons" (WHO)

"Has the girl returned late to school after the school holidays?"

"Does the girl visit the toilet more frequently and spends a long time in the bathroom?"

"Is the girl talking about a special procedure or ceremony she has been to?"

"Has her behaviour changed, has she become more withdrawn?"

"Is the girl struggling to walk or sit down?"

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED A GIRL IS AT RISK OF FGM

Follow your normal safeguarding procedures.

THE CHILD OR YOU HAVE SEEN PHYSICAL SIGNS OF FGM

Follow your normal safeguarding procedures. if you are a regulated professional and the girl is under 18 alert the police on 101 as part of the mandatory reporting duty.

(Regulated professionals include: Health and Social care professionals and Teachers)

IF THE GIRL IS IN IMMEDIATE DANGER

Alert the police on 999 and follow your normal safeguarding procedures.

For advice and guidance on FGM please contact The Guardian Project on:

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