Female Circumcision

## Prison Gutting up to 14 years

Female genital mutilation

## STOP FGM NOW

Female genital mutilation (FGM) is a form of child abuse common to some African, Asian and Middle Eastern communities. It is illegal in the UK and carries a penalty of up to 14 years' imprisonment and/or a fine.

## Five signs to look out for (particularly for organisations such as health and education):

- 1. The family belongs to a community that practices FGM.
- 2. The family are making plans to go on holiday/requested extended leave from school.
- 3. The child talks about a forthcoming special celebration.
- 4. The child/woman may have difficulty walking or sitting.
- 5. Their own mother or other siblings have had FGM.

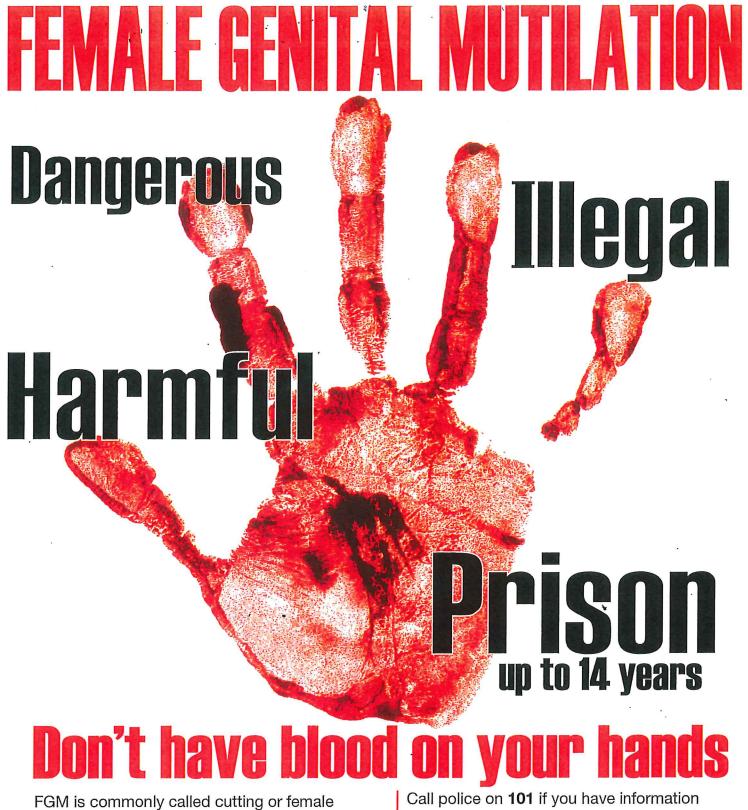
Call police on **101** if you have information about FGM, believe a child may be at risk or feel your child being cut is out of your control. In an emergency, dial **999** 

Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111** or the NSPCC's FGM Helpline on **0800 028 3550** 









FGM is commonly called cutting or female circumcision. Help to stop it.

The law – it is illegal to:

- Carry out the act in the UK
- Assist or arrange for a female to be taken abroad for the purpose of genital mutilation
- Assist a female to mutilate her own genitalia

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