



Safeguarding children at risk of abuse through Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

The British Library
St Pancras, 96 Euston Road, NW1 2DB

Friday 1st June 2007, 9am to 4pm

What's it about:

This London Safeguarding Children Board conference will give delegates a unique opportunity to gain a better understanding of the issues around Female Genital Mutilation; how care professionals have overcome challenges around engagement and are successfully working with local communities to protect children and young people; and how social care and health professionals, the police, voluntary agencies and community groups can work together to better support individuals and communities in relation to FGM.

This event will also see the official launch of the London Board's new pan-London procedure, *Safeguarding children at risk of abuse through Female Genital Mutilation*, which is currently going through a wide ranging consultation process (closing 16 February) – see www.londoncpc.gov.uk for a copy of the current draft.

Who should come:

This conference is for all social care or health professionals, police child protection officers, voluntary agencies and community representatives with an interest in FGM, or who want to find out more about this increasingly important area of work.

The conference programme:

At this stage in the programme development it is likely that there will be changes made between now and 1st June. Please regularly check our website for updates and the latest draft of the programme.

Please contact Paul Heigl on paul.heigl@londoncouncils.gov.uk or 020 7934 9549 for more information, or to book your place on this conference.

£100 + VAT including lunch and refreshments
£80 + VAT for voluntary agencies and community groups

Programme

- 09.00 **Coffee and registration**
- 09.30 **Chair's introduction**
- 09.40 **Current estimates of FGM for Africa, England & Wales**
Efua Dorkenoo OBE, member of the WHO study group of FGM & founder of FORWARD
- 10.20 **Changing attitudes to FGM in the UK and abroad**
Comfort Momoh, FGM/Public Health Specialist, vice-president for the European Network on FGM, Chair person for BWHAFS. Runs the African Well Woman's Clinic
- 10.50 **Refreshments**
- 11.20 **Aspects of FGM**
- **Working with young people**
Leyla Hussein, Youth worker, Somali youth forum
 - **Addressing FGM in schools**
Graham Underwood, Head teacher, Worple school
 - **Engaging with communities**
Community partnership advisors, London
 - **Policing FGM**
DC Jason Morgan, Metropolitan police
- 12.10 **Question & answers to the panel of speakers**
- 12.40 **Lunch and opportunities for networking**
- 13.40 **Perspectives of FGM**
- **Young person's perspective**
The Somali youth forum
 - **Community and faith perspective**
Dr Ghayasuddin Siddiqui, Muslim parliament of Great Britain
 - **FGM and health**
Faduma Hussein, Community health advisor, Waltham forest PCT
 - **FGM and Children's Rights**
TBC
- 14.30 **Question & answers to the panel of speakers**
- 15:00 **Refreshments**
- 15.20 **FGM monologue**
Christina Oshunniyi, FGM performing artist
- 15.30 **LSCB good practice sharing presentations**
Janette Shaw, Nurse consultant child protection & Cathy Gittens, Child protection reviewing officer, Waltham forest PCT
- 16.00 **Closing remarks from the Chair**
- 16.10 **Close**