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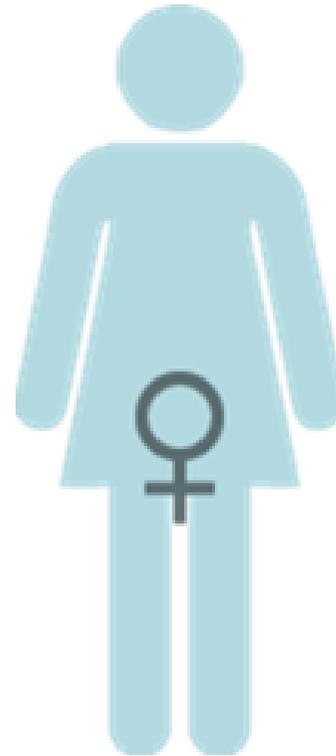
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Children's Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Service

Girls under 18 years



Children's FGM Service

This is a dedicated monthly multidisciplinary clinic for girls under 18 years who have had, are suspected to have had, or may be at risk of FGM. We offer sensitive and appropriate care for affected children and young people.

The clinic is run jointly by Deborah Hodes (consultant community paediatrician) and Sarah Creighton (consultant gynaecologist) with psychological input from Claudia De Campos (child psychotherapist).

The assessment determines whether FGM has been performed. If FGM is confirmed, we offer management of any physical and/or psychological health difficulties. There is a clear referral route for counselling of the victim and if surgery such as de-infibulation is required, it is undertaken in an age appropriate setting.

Other children in the family at risk of FGM can also be assessed.

There is close liaison with the police, social care and local community groups. Appropriate documentation is prepared including witness statements and availability for court.

We would be pleased to take referrals from health professionals, children's social services and police as well as self-referrals.

The clinic offers a second opinion on DVDs from clinicians working in other safeguarding services where FGM is suspected.

Please contact us if you would like to book or discuss any aspect of the appointment

Where can I get more information?

FORWARD

Tel: 020 8960 4000

<http://forwarduk.org.uk/>

NHS CHOICES

FGM health services

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/AboutNHSservices/sexual-health-services/Pages/fgm-for-professionals.aspx>

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