

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM) REFERRAL TO THE MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING HUB (MASH) / THAMES VALLEY POLICE (TVP)

Professionals

Pregnant women (or recently given birth)

FGM risk assessment to be completed by Professionals: Annex 1 Part One (a) from [FGM Risk and Safeguarding, DOH Guidance for Professionals, May 2016](#). Consider risk indicators.

If there are other children in the family that professionals have concerns about then the risk assessment in Part 2 (in above DoH guidance) will need to accompany the referral. Again consider risk indicators.

Consent will be needed before making a referral. If consent is not given health professionals will follow their own procedures i.e. seek advice from Safeguarding Managers and refer if they decide a child is at risk of significant harm.

Any suspicion of intended or actual FGM on a child must be referred **URGENTLY** to MASH / TV Police.

For families who have FGM in the family, Professionals should check with MASH to find out if the family are known to them before deciding on next actions.

Complete tool in Annex 1 from [DOH Guidance for Professionals](#)

MASH (01344 352005 / TV POLICE (101 non-emergency or 999)

On receipt of a referral of intended or actual FGM, MASH will alert CSC immediately. CSC will convene a strategy meeting at the earliest opportunity. CSC will seek legal advice to assist with planning and intervention.

Following completion of the tool, if the decision is made to refer to MASH the [online referral form](#) will need to be completed and the [FGM tool](#) completed and emailed.

The [JSNA website](#) has further information about FGM including where to go for **help and support**.

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