Are you concerned that a child, or unborn, may have had FGM or be at risk of FGM?

The child/ young person has told you that they have had FGM.

You have observed a physical sign appearing to show your patient has had FGM.

Her parent/guardian discloses that the girl has had FGM.

You consider the girl to be at risk of FGM. To consider what action to take:

- Dept of Health FGM Risk Assessment Guidance May 2016

Mandatory reporting duty applies.

Professional who initially identified the FGM calls 101 to make a report

Remember:
- Record all decisions/actions
- Be prepared for police officer to call you back.
- Best Practice is to report before COP next working day.
- Update your local safeguarding lead.

You will have to provide:
- Girl’s name, DoB and address
- Your contact details
- Contact details of your safeguarding lead

Risk assessment concludes there is risk; refer to children’s social care.

S47 + Strategy discussion, including: Police, CSC and Health.

Health professional (with relevant paediatric competencies) lead on the assessment of the health needs of the child. The assessment (with consent) may consider the need for:
- Referral for genital examination using colposcope to the designated service in your area
- General health assessment (physical and mental health)
- Treatment and/or referral for any health needs identified (whether related to the FGM or not)
- Include assessment of presence/absence of additional safeguarding concerns, and document accordingly.

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUIRED for identified girl OR another child/other children.

Police and social care take immediate action as appropriate

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Review strategy meeting within 10 days

Social care and police develop an appropriate pathway. This is likely to consider:
- Use of FGM protection orders
- Whether care proceedings or CPCC
- If safeguarding response required for siblings/family members/others identified through the contact.
- Referral to community/third sector.
- If there is a need for criminal investigation

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