

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION PATHWAY FOR ADULTS

NB: Capacity of victim should be considered at all points of process

Step 1 – Identification - Adult identified with Female Genital Mutilation/ at risk of FGM

Step 2 - Refer to Guardian Project if under age of 21 years / NESTAC SOS Clinic if over 21 years (with consent if adult has capacity)

Step 3 - Consider wider family

- Consider any other adults at risk.
- Does victim have children? If yes, Follow [Salford FGM pathway for children](#)

Question 1 - Is there an imminent risk to Adult? If yes continue to Step 4, if no jump to Question 2

Step 4 – Imminent risk to Adult

When there is a risk to life or likelihood of serious harm professionals should report the case immediately to the police including dialling 999 if appropriate and Adult Social Care ([Link](#))

Question 2 – Are they an Adult at risk (as defined in Care Act 2014)? If no continue to Step 5, if yes jump to Steps 6 to 8

Step 5 – If not an Adult at Risk (as defined in Care Act 2014)

- Make adult aware FGM illegal
- Signpost to other agencies – third sector (Guardian, SOS, NESTAC) support/ health agencies/ support in reporting to police if they wish
- Consider others in family who may be at risk and follow adult or child FGM pathway accordingly
- Assess additional safeguarding concerns and document/ act appropriately

NB: Consider if victim is subject to coercion or control and if so follow Domestic Violence and Abuse procedures

Step 6 – If an Adult at Risk (as defined in Care Act 2014)

- Refer Adult Social Care
- Web Link: [Safeguarding Adults Salford](#) / Contact Number: 0161 631 4777

Step 7 – continued from Step 6

Adult Social Care safeguarding procedures to be followed ([here](#))

Step 8 – continued from Steps 6 and 7

Health Professionals

- Lead on assessment of health needs of adult
- General health assessment: Physical / mental health
- Ensure liaison takes place with other health professionals involved and FGM is documented clearly in records of adult and children
- Treat identified health needs
- Assess additional safeguarding concerns and document/ refer/act appropriately

Social Care and Police

- Consider FGM Protection Order
- Consider if care plan or other safeguarding response required for children/ other female family members
- If not already involved refer to community/third sector eg Guardian Project (Under 21 years)/NESTAC /FORWARD/
- Consider criminal investigation

GLOSSARY

GM – Greater Manchester

NESTAC – New Step for African Community ([website](#))

FORWARD – Foundation for Women’s Health Research and Development ([website](#))

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

DH Guidance: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418564/2903800_DH_FGM_Accessible_v0.1.pdf