

Appendix 5

CROYDON OVER 18'S FGM REFERRAL PATHWAY

IDENTIFY

If you have concerns around FGM about a pregnant female

If you have concerns around FGM about a non-pregnant female

Sensitively speak with the woman about FGM

Ensure they know that FGM is illegal in the UK even if performed abroad (if unaware they must be advised of the law, health consequences and support services available for FGM)

Ensure that the woman is offered appropriate support and service information to minimise the consequences of FGM

Explore ongoing risk of FGM for her children /unborn child /children in the household

COMPLETE CROYDON FGM RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL

PART 2 SCREENING TOOL:

There are no female children in family/household and not currently pregnant

PART 1 OR PART 3 SCREENING TOOL:

Female children identified in family/household and/or Pregnant.
NO Immediate Risk of FGM

ACT NOW:

Female children in family/household already subjected to FGM or RISK OF IMMEDIATE HARM of FGM

If not deemed as high risk - offer information about support services such as the Community Support Group, Psychological therapies, FGM Community Champions, as well as other Borough wide support services such as Early Help, Best Start, Family Justice Centre, Family Resilience Service.

Screening tool sent to safeguarding midwifery team via email mhn-tr.safeguardingmaternity@nhs.net for triage at the Vulnerable Womens Group meeting where next steps will be considered such as, Early Help, further assessment, MASH referral, support services, no further action required

Referral to MASH
Attach completed risk assessment tool

CROYDON UNDER 18'S FGM REFERRAL PATHWAY

IDENTIFY

If you are concerned a female child is at risk of FGM

If you are concerned a female child has undergone FGM

- * Consider risk – if it is safe to speak with the child and parent then sensitively speak with the child/family about FGM.
 - Ensure the parents know that FGM is illegal in the UK even if performed abroad (if unaware they must be advised of the law, health consequences and support services available for FGM)
 - Ensure that the child is offered appropriate support and service information to minimise the consequences of FGM
- * If it is not safe to speak with the parents then contact Croydon MASH and/or police explaining why it is not safe

COMPLETE CROYDON FGM RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL

Risk of FGM or suspected FGM

FGM has taken place

MANDATORY REPORTING OF FGM

If a girl under 18:-

Tells you she has had FGM (female genital mutilation) and/or has signs which appear to show she has had FGM

Report to the police via police 101. Notify Croydon MASH that a mandatory report has been made.

As with other areas of safeguarding, wherever possible you should explain why the report is being made and what it means. If you believe reporting would lead to risk of serious harm to the child or anyone else, do not discuss it but instead contact your local designated safeguarding lead for advice.

Record and Refer – Safeguarding

- Consent – do obtain consent if appropriate. If not appropriate to obtain consent, clearly explain why consent is overridden and document clearly in your records.
- Where the risk assessment has indicated risk of harm to a child/young person to be high or likely there should be no delay in referring the child to Social Care via Croydon Multi Agency safeguarding Hub (MASH) Tel: 0208 726 6400 or via www.croydon.gov.uk following the 'concerned about a Croydon child' link. A completed copy of the Croydon FGM Risk Assessment Tool should be sent with all referrals into MASH for FGM'.
- Inform designated safeguarding lead in your agency
- Accurately record all interventions noting date, full name and role of person making the recording, and sign
- Collate this information and liaise with the health visitor and GP of the child

Support

Ensure that ongoing support needs are considered including;

- The provision of counselling and support services to the child/young person,
- Risk to siblings and other children in the community,
- The possibility for prosecution
- The immediate health needs of the child,
- Access to Community Support

If there is evidence that this child or young person needs immediate protection, contact MASH immediately on 0208 726 6400