

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Coventry: A Presentation to Scrutiny Coordination Committee

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Purpose of Presentation

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to:

- **Consider the proposals contained in the report**
- **Identify any further areas for discussion or consideration**
- **Identify any recommendations for the Cabinet Member and the Health and Well-being Board.**

Prevalence of FGM in Coventry

- UHCW Midwifery - 29 women affected by FGM between April – August 2014

- Police data -

Year	Total referrals to West Mids Police	Coventry Referrals	Percentage
2013	41	16	39%
2014 (to date)	84	48	40%

- Coventry (2011 census)
 - 868 children aged 0-15 years & 5,422 women aged 16-49 years living in Coventry were born in regions likely to be affected by FGM

What is currently happening in Coventry?

- FGM Task and Finish Group - gathers knowledge and intelligence on FGM, how it is been addressed and barriers in dealing with it
- LSCB - FGM training, safeguarding procedures and website
- Meridian General Practice - routinely asks new patients whether they have been affected by FGM
- West Midlands Police - Operation Sentinel
- Coventry University - REPLACE 2 project; evaluates community-based behaviour change interventions to tackle female genital mutilation in the EU
- FGM Conference for Coventry - Thursday 13th November 2014.

Recommendations

- **Prevention** - Awareness raising & community engagement
- **Training & empowerment** - specialist training programmes across Coventry tailored to professionals and communities.
- **Prosecution** – continued support to Law enforcement officers
- **Safeguarding, reporting & recording** - ensure that professionals access the LSCB multi-agency safeguarding training. Professionals identifying girls at risk and referring them as part of child safeguarding.
- **Life course approach to treatment, services & support** - To support UHCW in their work to offer women access to a specialist FGM midwife
- **Data collection & sharing** - Agencies including health, social care, safeguarding, police and midwifery should collect data where appropriate
- **Implementation of a project manager (based within the voluntary sector)** for a period of 6 - 12 months to implement the recommended outcomes of this report and effectively tackle FGM in Coventry