National Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Centre
What is FGM?

• "All procedures which involve the partial or total removal of the external genitalia or injury to the female genital organs whether for cultural or any other non-therapeutic reasons"

• (World Health Organisation)
Background

- Barnardo’s and the Local Government Association (LGA)
- Department of Education’s Children’s Social Care Innovation Programme
- Local Authorities, Health, Education, Police, and the voluntary sector
Pilot areas

• Currently:
  • Norfolk
  • Suffolk
  • Essex

• Low prevalence areas—opportunity to develop expertise
Vision

• To eliminate new cases of FGM for women and girls living in England within the next 15 years in partnership with statutory agencies, government departments and grassroots organisations.
Aims

1. Prevent
2. Protect
3. Support
4. Partner
Overview
Social work provision

- Systems change in the provision of services for girls and women affected by FGM
- Qualified and experienced social workers and project workers employed
- Direct work with local authority social workers and joint working on cases.
Community outreach

• Change attitudes and behaviours in affected communities
• Complement social work provision
• Group and community work
• Support to access local support networks
• Regular stakeholder events within local communities
Practice development & consultancy

Training to:

• Raise awareness about FGM, the law and safeguarding
• Discuss how to ask that difficult question and engage with communities
• a whole service approach and enhance their practice
• Provide organisations with bespoke advice and support
• Consultancy is also available for professionals from a network of specialists within their own field.
The Knowledge Hub

• Access to quality assured national and international data, information and resources regarding FGM
• Resources to develop appropriate responses to the needs of their local communities
• Quality assured materials
• Interactive platform
• Forums for professionals
• Regular newsletter
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