

FGM | FACTS & FIGURES

2014 SURVEY OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS³
SUGGESTED THAT...



FGM has been illegal in the UK since **1985**

2603 newly identified cases of FGM reported in the UK, between...
SEPTEMBER 2014 & JANUARY 2015²
44 of these cases were under 18²

71.4% felt they would benefit from further training on FGM.

ONLY **21%** of respondents stated that they would feel comfortable discussing FGM with patients.

MORE THAN **125 MILLION GIRLS** have been cut worldwide.¹

IN **19** OF THE **29** COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST which actively practice FGM/Cutting, most girls think it should stop¹



To find out more about the HEE FGM e-learning resource please visit
WWW.E-LFH.ORG.UK/PROGRAMMES/FEMALE-GENITAL-MUTILATION
The resource is free to use for anyone working in the NHS.

65.3% MOST HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS had not read any guidelines relating to FGM.

73%

Felt there were barriers that prevent healthcare professionals from speaking to patients about FGM.
THE GREATEST BARRIER BEING LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.

FGM IS CHILD ABUSE & A VIOLENCE THAT VIOLATES THE... HUMAN RIGHTS ...OF WOMEN & GIRLS

Prevalence of FGM is higher than... **90%**
in women aged **15-49** in Somalia, Egypt, Guinea and Djibouti.¹

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Health Education England

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