Where there is a risk to life or likelihood of serious immediate harm professionals should report the case immediately to the police, including dialling 999 as appropriate. Refer to EHASH

Professional concerned child under 18 years of age may have undergone or is at risk of FGM or notification of movement into area

Professional **observes** a physical sign appearing to show FGM has been carried out

You consider girl may be **at risk** of FGM. All professionals must refer to local Safeguarding Procedures

Professional suspects FGM has been carried out

Parent/ Guardian **discloses** girl has had FGM

Child/young

person **informs**

professional they

have had FGM

**\*Mandatory reporting duty applies\***

Police and/or Social Care take immediate action as appropriate

**YES**

Professional who initially identified FGM is required by law to make a report to the police. Recommended route is via 101: You will have to provide; Girl’s name, date of birth and address Your contact details, Contact detail of your Safeguarding Lead

Record all decisions/actions police log number Be prepared for police officer to call you back Best Practice is to report before close of play next working day

Update local Safeguarding Lead for your service

Childrens Social Care to complete Children and Family Assessment. Possible outcome of Early Help support

**No**

If the child is deemed to be at risk of significant harm, a Section 47 assessment needs to be completed. If medical exam is required consult the Guardian Project. Remember multi agency working and recording

Convene a strategy meeting **to include police, social care, health and The Guardian Project as a minimum. \*Consider inviting St Mary’s SARC if it’s believed FGM has taken place**

**YES**

Is the threshold met?

Contact EHASH via your agencies agreed method

**\*Mandatory reporting does not apply\***

If child already subject to CPP, the Safeguarding Unit to consider earlier CPR. If child is Cared For contact Independent Reviewing Officer.

If conclusion of section 47 suggests significant concerns for child’s welfare arrange ICC within 15 working days of the Strategy Meeting.

**YES**

**No**

Immediate response required for identified girl or another child/ children

**No**

EHASH to refer to appropriate service area for support and advice

Childrens Social Care to take the lead on the Section 47 enquiry. Health professionals to lead on health needs of the child.

Social Care and Police

Consider FGM Protection Order

Consider if care plan or other safeguarding response required for siblings/other females/family members.

Refer to community/third sector e.g. NESTAC/Afruca/Guardian Project.

Consider criminal investigation

**ICC: Initial Case Conference**

**EHASH:**

**CPR:**

**SARC: Sexual Assault Referral Centre   
CP: Child Protection**

**CPP: Child protection plan   
CIN: Child in Need**

**LAC: Looked After Child**