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FGM - What you need to know

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Statistics suggest there are 11 incidents of FGM taking place each day in the UK.

Between 2015-17 there were 15,000 patients with FGM treated by the NHS.

The number of child victims of FGM and those at risk has doubled in the last year.

Common symptoms that FGM has taken place include frequency of passing urine, complaints of abdominal pain, a child being withdrawn and angry, a child goes missing or does not return after school holidays.

FGM is not practised for religious purposes.

The Serious Crime Act requires all health and care staff to report concerns about FGM in children (under 18s) to the police.

It is illegal to take a girl out of the UK for FGM to be performed.

FGM Protection Orders can be applied for by the person to be protected by the Order or by a third party.

The first prosecution for FGM demonstrates that conviction is possible. In Feb 2019 the mother of a 3yr old girl received a 13yr prison sentence.

Links and refs:

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First conviction for FGM. The Independent.

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