

### **Advice for Regulated Professionals in Lincolnshire – FGM Mandatory Reporting**

The Home Office guidance “Mandatory reporting of female genital mutilation: procedural information” can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mandatory-reporting-of-female-genital-mutilation-procedural-information>. It does not however contain the local procedures for reporting such cases to the police. Regulated professionals are health, teachers and social workers. A full list can be found in the Home Office Mandatory Reporting Guidance cited above.

It has been agreed that regulated professionals with this duty will do the following in Lincolnshire:

#### **Call 101**

- Lincolnshire Police’s Force Control Room (FCR) staff have been given a checklist of information that you are expected to provide them with for each report (in line with the Home Office guidance). You must provide the following information;
  - That this is a report under the FGM mandatory reporting duty
  - Professional’s details including name, contact details (work tel. no and email address) and when they are available, role, place of work
  - Details of the professional’s designated safeguarding lead (name, contact details, place of work)
  - The girls identification details – name, age / date of birth, address
  - Confirm if they have taken any other steps in relation to safeguarding
- The FCR will also ensure if an immediate response is required that officers are deployed where appropriate.

#### **FCR will flag the incident to PPU CENTRAL REFERRAL UNIT (CRU) –**

- PPU CRU will email the referrer a FGM Referral Form for completion
- PPU CRU will store the returned form on NICHE and complete
  - Safeguarding enquiries with Children’s Social Care
  - Assessment of the case (multi agency safeguarding meeting)
  - Onward referral to Child and Adult Protection Officers in the county for investigation where appropriate

Once you have made the report to the police you have complied with the duty. Depending on your role and the specific circumstances of the case, your subsequent involvement in follow up action may be limited. PPU CRU is the point for professionals post making the report to follow up the case if they wish. They can contact PPU on the email [ppu-cru@lincs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:ppu-cru@lincs.pnn.police.uk) or call 01522 947590.

In addition to complying with this duty, **you must continue to have regard to your wider safeguarding responsibilities, which require consideration and action to be taken wherever there is any identified or known risk to a child, whether in relation to FGM or another matter.**

**REMEMBER YOU SHOULD ALWAYS REFER THE MATTER TO LOCAL AUTHORITY CHILDREN’S SERVICES CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE FOR SAFEGUARDING REFERRAL.**

**YOU SHOULD ALWAYS CALL 999 IF YOU FEEL THE CHILD IS AT RISK OF SERIOUS IMMEDIATE HARM.**

**YOU MUST INFORM THE POLICE WHAT STEPS YOU HAVE TAKEN TO SAFEGUARD THE CHILD / OTHERS AT RISK.**



**What happens when a regulated professional i.e. health, social care, teacher, calls Lincolnshire Police (101) to report FGM has been disclosed (under 18s) in the course of their professional work?**

Regulated Professional (health, social care, teacher) calls Lincolnshire Police **on 101**

