

## **Appendix 1: Guidance for Interviewing Parents/Children/Adult at Risk**

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These questions and advice are guidance and each case should be dealt with sensitively and considered individually and independently.

If relevant, ask children/adult at risk to tell you about their holiday. Sensitively and informally ask the family about their planned extended holiday ask questions such as:

- Who is going on the holiday with the child/adult?
- How long they plan to go for and is there a special celebration planned?
- Where are they going?
- Are they aware that the school cannot keep their child on roll if they are away for a long period?
- Are they aware that FGM including Sunna is illegal in the UK even if performed abroad? Use terms that may be familiar to them as FGM may not always be understood.

If you suspect that a child / adult is a victim of FGM you may ask them:

- Your family is originally from a country where girls or women are circumcised – Do you think you have gone through this or are at risk of this practice?
- Has anything been done to you down there or on your bottom?
- Would you like support in contacting other agencies for support, help or advice?

Inform them that you have to share information confidentially with relevant agencies if you are concerned that they or someone else is at risk of being harmed.

### **Record**

All interventions should be accurately recorded by the persons involved in speaking with the child or adult. All recording should be dated and signed and give the full name and role of the person making the recording.

### **Refer**

To Police, Social Care or Health/Voluntary sector for medical follow up or support services.