

EAST AYRSHIRE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

PRACTITIONER BRIEFING NOTE

NO 23

**TOPIC: RESPONDING TO FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION IN SCOTLAND:
MULTI-AGENCY GUIDANCE**

BRIEFING: The Scottish Government is committed to tackling inequality and to preventing and ending all forms of gender based violence. They consider the best way to tackle the practice of FGM is to take a collaborative approach to help prevent FGM, provide protection to those who may be vulnerable or at risk, deliver services that those affected may require and through participation, give a voice to communities affected by this abhorrent practice.

The guidance produced provides a framework within which agencies and practitioners can develop and agree processes for working collaboratively and individually to promote the safety and wellbeing of women and girls, and will supplement agencies and organisations own policies and procedures on FGM. It also provides useful information on how to identify whether a girl or young woman may be at risk of FMG, if they have undergone FGM, how to protect those at risk, how to support them, as well as providing good practice when dealing with survivors.

The guidance document can be accessed via the link below.

Link: <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00528145.pdf>

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