FGM in the West Midlands

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What is FGM?

200,000,000 victims worldwide
137,000 victims in the UK
Setting the Parameters...

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**West Midlands Police**

**Force Intelligence Department**

**FGM Strategic Product: Terms of Reference**

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<th>Preferred Contact Method Details</th>
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<td>Esther Martin (for DCC)</td>
<td>Thompson</td>
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<td>Date of Request</td>
<td>April 2015</td>
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<td>Priority Area?</td>
<td>Yes (Serious violence/Child abuse)</td>
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<td>High Threat &amp; Risk?</td>
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<td>What is the origin of the task?</td>
<td>The extent to which FGM affects the communities of the West Midlands is not currently known. Following consultation with subject matter experts and silver leads, it has been identified that a baseline needs to be established which identifies the prevalence of FGM within the West Midlands.</td>
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How many victims?

- Risk population in West Midlands: 9,215
- Second highest in UK
- 358 girls born in 2010 to mothers with FGM (in Birmingham)
- 70% of these at higher levels of risk
Nigeria:
Est. Population: 9000
FGM Prevalence: 27%
Risk Population: 1215

The West Midlands
Risk Population: 9215

Eritrea
Est. Population: 4000
FGM Prevalence: 89%
Risk Population: 1780

Somalia:
Est. Population: 9250
FGM Prevalence: 98%
Risk Population: 4533

Kenya
Est. Population: 8250
FGM Prevalence: 27%
Risk Population: 1114
What do we know?

- Increases after awareness raising activity
- No rise in arrests
- No convictions
- Drops during summer holidays
Where are our affected communities?
What we don’t know

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What we don't know
FGM does happen to residents of the West Midlands

- 4 Arrests: **No Convictions**
- No intelligence that FGM has been carried out in West Midlands
- One identified incident of FGM (outside country)
To recap

In the last 2 years the number of reports made to WMP has tripled.

But...

- There has been **no** rise in the number of arrests or convictions.
- The force holds **no** information on any girls from the West Midlands who have recently undergone FGM.

Why?

- 3% of FGM reports come from the community.
- 59% of all FGM reports come from midwives.
What next for the West Midlands?

Communication strategy...

...Intelligence collection...

...Engagement...

...Review
Any questions?

Key Points:

• FGM does affect women and children living in the West Midlands

• Reports have increased significantly

• But we do not have the information to adopt a proactive, intelligence-led approach. This puts women and girls at risk

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