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FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

Female Genital Mutilation is classified as a form of Child Abuse in the UK.

It, therefore, makes the procedure of it a serious Child Protection issue. It is illegal for anyone to perform FGM in the UK or to arrange for a child to be transported to another country for the procedure. The maximum sentence for carrying out FGM or helping it to take place is 14 years in prison.

If you think that a girl or young woman is in danger of FGM, you must contact the Police.

You should contact the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (020 7008 1500) if she's already been taken abroad.

The NSPCC offers a free and anonymous FGM 24-hour helpline.

Call: **0800 028 3550**

or

Email: fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk