

Evaluation of health services for communities affected by FGM/C in Oxfordshire

In 2016 we asked you to complete a survey to give feedback about your GP, Health Visitor, or any health services you have used. Some **findings** from the survey were:

- 98 members of communities affected by FGM/C took part in the survey. 88% of participants felt comfortable asking their GP for help and 84% that their GP could give them the help they needed
- 96% of participants felt comfortable asking their health visitor for help and 93% that their health visitor could give them the help they needed
- Oxford Rose Clinic at the JR Hospital (www.ouh.nhs.uk/roseclinic) is an extremely valuable service for women affected by FGM/C but not everyone knew about the clinic or ways it can help
- You asked for better information on health services, and safe spaces to discuss FGM/C and other health issues

In addition, 130 health practitioners responded to a special survey, and were keen to find ways to increase communication with those affected by FGM/C

Recommendations from the surveys include:

- Developing ways for community-led dialogue with health practitioners, which informs the way they work with patients
- Raising awareness about the services and support available for those affected by FGM/C such as the Oxford Rose Clinic
- Outreach activities to connect with a wide range of communities affected by FGM/C and better understand what support they need

Many thanks to all who took part

Want to see the full report? It can be found online at <http://www.healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/reporting-back>, under 'Oxford Against Cutting - Services for Survivors of FGM/C' or download to your tablet/smart phone by scanning this code:



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