



OxfordAgainstCutting

StopFemaleGenitalMutilation

Engaging Faith and Community Leaders

Faith and Community Leaders Unite to End FGM

To send a clear message to communities during Friday and/or Sunday congregation that:

- FGM is not supported by any religious doctrine
- FGM is a form of violence against women and girls
- FGM is a human rights violation
- Religious or cultural sensitivities must not get in the way of uncovering and stopping this abuse
- It can have a life-long impact on survivors' physical and psychological health
- In the UK, FGM is a criminal offence (it is also illegal in many countries in Africa and around the world)
- It is illegal to take a girl who is a British national or who usually lives in the UK abroad for FGM, or to help someone who is trying to do it
- You can be imprisoned for 14 years for carrying out FGM or helping it to take place
- It is the duty and responsibilities of parents, families and communities to safeguard and protect their daughters
- If you are concerned about a girl, get in touch with the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) for advice (you can speak to them anonymously if you're not sure if the family needs help) or **if a girl is in immediate danger, call 999.**
- There is support for survivors' physical and emotional health provided by the Oxford Rose Clinic, based at the John Radcliffe Hospital, and the doctors are women. The [Oxford Rose Clinic](#) accepts self-referrals via email oxfordrose.clinic@nhs.net or phone/text **07767 671 406**. This is a confidential service open to pregnant and non-pregnant women.
- There is an app and website called Let's Talk FGM that can help support conversations about FGM
- Pick up a leaflet or look at Oxford Against Cutting's posters for helpline numbers