1.   National FGM Support Clinics

The NHS is opening a network of female genital mutilation (FGM) clinics across England to allow survivors of the abusive practice to get expert help from specialist doctors, nurses and midwives. The clinics will also employ specially trained counsellors as well as "FGM health advocates" who will give advice about other services available locally. Any women needing further support will be referred to other specialist NHS services, local partner organisations and voluntary groups.

More than 1,300 adult women are expected to benefit from the eight new centres, which are being launched in Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds and London as part of the NHS Long Term Plan. The London clinics opening are located in Brent, Waltham Forest, Croydon, Hammersmith and Tower Hamlets.

The National FGM Support Clinics are a place for women with FGM to discuss their health needs in a sensitive and non-judgmental environment. The services are provided by an all-female team and include:

- physical assessments and treatment (including deinfibulation if required)
- emotional support and counselling
- general information
- access to FGM Health Advocates
- referral to a specialist consultant, if needed

These service is available to **women aged 18 or older who are not pregnant** when they seek support.

If a woman is pregnant support for FGM is available through the maternity services.

The National FGM Support Clinics **do not see anyone under the age of 18 years of age.**

2.   FGM clinics for anyone under 18 years of age

For anyone under 18 years of age with FGM support is available through the specialist Paediatric service at University College London Hospitals (UCLH). Contact UCLH for an appointment at UCLH.paediatricsafeguarding@nhs.net

3.   How to access the National FGM Support Clinics

National FGM Support Clinics run either weekly or every 2 weeks. Referrals from GPs and other health professionals are strongly encouraged, but individuals can also access a clinic through:
- walk-in appointments
- using a self-referral service.

The clinics will see any woman regardless of where they live.

4.   Where to find a clinic

A map showing the location of National FGM Support Clinics in England

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LONDON

Brent – SMS Medical Practice (Hibiscus Clinic)		
116 Chaplin Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA0 4UZ	**Contact details:** E-mail: lnwh-tr.fgmbrentservices@nhs.net	**Opening times:** Tuesday (weekly)

Croydon – Edridge Practice (Calabash Clinic)		
Impact House, 2 Edridge Rd, Croydon CR0 1FE	**Contact details:** E-mail: ch-tr.fgmcroydon@nhs.net	**Opening times:** Monday (every 2 weeks)

Ealing – Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital

Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital, Du Cane Road, London W12 0HS	**Contact details:** Phone: 07730 970 738 E-mail: juliet.albert@nhs.net	**Opening times:** Monday: 12pm to 8pm Tuesday: 12pm to 8pm Wednesday: 12pm to 8pm Thursday: 12pm to 8pm Friday: 9.30am to 5.30pm

Tower Hamlets – Sylvia Pankhurst (Primrose Clinic)

Mile End Hospital, Bancroft Road, London E1 4DG	**Contact details:** Phone: 020 7377 7898 or 020 7377 7870 or 020 8223 8322 E-mail: vanessa.apea@nhs.net or janet.barter@nhs.net	**Opening times:** Monday: 12pm to 8pm Tuesday: 12pm to 8pm Wednesday: 12pm to 8pm Thursday: 12pm to 8pm Friday: 9.30am to 5.30pm

Waltham Forest – Chingway Medical Centre (The WAHA Clinic)

7 Ching Way, London E4 8YD	**Contact details:** E-mail: bartshealth.fgmwhipps @nhs.net	**Opening times:** Friday (every 2 weeks)

SOUTH OF ENGLAND		
Bristol – Eastville Medical Practice (Rose Clinic)		
East Trees Health Centre, 100a Fishponds Road, Bristol BS5 6SA	**Contact details:** E-mail: bristolroseclinic@nhs.net	

Midlands and East of England		
Birmingham Clinic		
Summerfield Health Centre, 134 Heath Street, Birmingham, B18 7AL	**Contact details:** Phone: 07989 209 483 Email: swbh.summerfieldfgm@nhs.net	

North of England		
Leeds – Oakwood Medical Practice (Blossom Clinic)		
2 Amberton Terrace, Leeds LS8 3BZ	**Contact details:** Phone: 07824 580 988 Email: Leedsth-tr.blossomclinic.fgm@nhs.net	**Opening times:** Tuesday (every 2 weeks)