



Kirklees **Safeguarding Children** Partnership

FGM Screening Tool Kit 2

Screening questions:

1. Can you tell me which country you were born in/what country of origin? (FGM is concentrated in 27 African countries, Yemen, Iraq, Kurdistan and found elsewhere in Asia and the Middle East and among communities throughout the world. Determining country of origin is a good first step).
2. Is there a particular tribe, group or community you belong to? (Within individual countries the risk can vary from group to group, the type of FGM practice may vary from group to group as may the age at which the victim is "cut").
3. Can you tell me little bit about your education? Do you/Have you been able to go to school/college?
4. Does your family think it is important to learn English?
5. Do you have any physical/emotional or health problems that you would like to talk about?
6. Who normally makes decisions within your family? What about making decisions about what you can and can't do.
7. Do you normally come and go from the family home as you please?
8. Do you normally have someone with you/an escort when you go out?
9. If you usually have an escort/someone with you, who would that person normally be?
10. Are you allowed to work?
11. Do girls within your family have the right to choose who they will marry?
12. Has there been any discussion in the family about you being taken back to your home country/country of origin perhaps for a party?
13. Have any special clothes been bought for you?
14. Is honour important to your family? What sort of things do they think are important?
15. Do you think that anyone in your family might be a risk or danger to you or your children? If so can you tell me a bit more about what you think that risk or danger might be? Can you tell me what worries you most?
16. Does anyone in your family have a particular traditional role to play? If so what is it?
17. Can you tell me if anyone in your family believes in or uses magic as a form of healing or as a punishment or threat/ (If yes) could you tell me a bit more about it ? Or give me an example?



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18. May I ask you if virginity is seen as important before marriage? Can you tell me if your family or community think it is important that you don't have sex with your partner/the person you are going to marry before you are married?
19. Has anyone in your family or your in laws used or threatened violence against you? Do you worry that they might?
20. Are there things that happen or are expected of you, or any traditions or practice to do with your religion or culture within your family or community that worry you, especially if they affect you or your daughters?
21. Could you tell me if there are nay traditions in your family? Are there any that might involve, cutting women or girls? Do you have older sisters, if so have they been cut?