



Langley Hall Primary Academy
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Addendum to FGM policy – 7th September 2015

The Serious Crime Act 2015 came into force in July 2015

Since 1985 it has been a serious criminal offence under the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Act to perform FGM or to assist a girl to perform FGM on herself. The Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 tightened this law to criminalise FGM being carried out on UK citizens overseas. Anyone found guilty of the offence faces a maximum penalty of 14 years in prison.

The Serious Crime Act 2015 strengthened further the legislation on FGM and now includes:

- the right to anonymity for victims
- the offence of failing to protect a girl aged under 16 from the risk of FGM
- the provision of Female Genital Mutilation Protection Orders (FGMPO); and
- the duty on professionals (including teachers) to notify police when they discover that FGM appears to have been carried out on a girl under 18.

NB For school staff discovering FGM will occur from a disclosure and not a physical examination.

A fact sheet from the Home Office about the new law on FGM can be downloaded

[Serious Crime Act 2015: Factsheet – female genital mutilation](#)