Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Update on Trust Practice

- Training:
    - FGM is included in level 2 child protection training and level 3 full day and updates.

- Policies and guidelines:
    - Female Genital Mutilation (circumcision) guideline (GL837) written in 2004 and updated in 2014 (for review 2016).
    - Child protection protocol and policy are being reviewed in January 2015 and will include a pathway for FGM.
- The Trust is developing a working group, led by Dr Gordon, Named Doctor for Child Protection, which will review the FGM guideline GL837 to ensure that it is a Trust wide document.   This will be completed by June 2015.
- Child Protection Clinical Governance, led by the Named Nurse for Child Protection, has FGM as a standing item.
- Measures that the Trust takes to identify cases of FGM:
    - Maternity – Female Genital Mutilation guideline was updated last year, 2014, in line with recommendations made by CCG led task and finish group. All women from countries where FGM is practiced are asked about FGM at booking. All pregnant women who are identified as having undergone FGM are counselled and their children (including unborn) are referred to Children's Social Care for assessment. The numbers are collated and reported out by antenatal clinic (an average of 1-2 a month)
    - Sexual Health - Any patient reporting symptoms of any kind, or who requests an examination or who reports FGM are examined and any signs of FGM identified and recorded. We have a local sexual health FGM guideline, based on the Department of Health guidance, and any cases of FGM are managed according to this.
    - Leads for safeguarding have attended external training courses for FGM

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