

## DPP's FGM ACTION PLAN - OCTOBER 2013

Details of Action	
1.	The National Policing Leads (ACPO) to continue their work on data collection on FGM across the remaining police forces and report regularly on progress.
2.	The following recommendations are made to the Inter-Ministerial Group on Violence against Women and Girls to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review guidance on FGM for Local Safeguarding Children Boards, medical and health professionals, social care professionals and schools and colleges in order to support referrals to the police;</li> <li>• Develop options for supporting local authorities to record the number of child investigations launched where FGM is a concern;</li> <li>• Further work to be undertaken led by Government to increase public awareness of FGM, including the potential use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter in awareness raising campaigns; and</li> <li>• Government to continue to highlight the NSPCC FGM Helpline to encourage victims to come forward and thereby promote referrals to the police.</li> </ul>
3.	The police to draw up a protocol on their role and remit on what steps and action they will take when a possible FGM case is referred to them, especially from the health, social care or education sectors, so the relevant professionals are aware of what might happen next.
4.	The CPS and the police to continue the proactive and close joint working on FGM cases. This will include consideration of joint training on FGM.
5.	Continue to work to a prosecution within the existing legislative framework (including the broader range of offences identified in the CPS aide-memoire). However, subject to any issues identified with the legislation, the CPS and police should raise any points about the current law if necessary with the Ministry of Justice in a further 12 months.
6.	To monitor prosecution cases in other jurisdictions to gain any learning on these cases.
7.	To examine and monitor how other jurisdictions support FGM victims through the criminal justice system.
8.	To ensure that good practice on police covert operations is disseminated across all police forces.