

# Female Genital Mutilation - Procedures Guide for Criminal Police Staff

The Procedures Guide for Criminal Police Staff was written under the framework of the second Programme of Action for the Elimination of FGM and based on the London Child Protection Procedures. Considering that there are many laws and different procedures and realities, the Procedures Guide was intended to assist police officers by compiling relevant information on FGM in a single document in order to avoid looking for and requesting information on how to proceed in this type of cases. Additionally, the Procedures Guides has a user-friendly format (A5) to be easily accessed and not to be lengthy in order to avoid that officers would refuse to read it. Therefore, the Procedures Guide includes information on FGM (i.e. types, health consequences, and juridical aspects) and descriptive procedures on:

- General procedures (e.g. find a female interpreter in case the victim herself presents the formal complaint);
  - Behavioural and attitudinal aspects (e.g. build a relation of confidence and respect, do not treat the girl/woman as a victim, use the word 'circumcision' instead of 'mutilation');
  - The identification of the victim;
  - Cases of suspicion of a girl or woman at risk of being subjected to FGM;
  - Cases of suspicion of a girl or woman subjected to FGM;
  - Criminal investigation;
  - Examination of the victim.
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## Policy Framework

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