

Working Collaboratively to Tackle FGM: Implementing the Revised VAWG Strategy

Taking place in Central London, Zone 1. Venue to be announced | 16 July 2019

10.15 Registration & Morning Refreshments

11.00 Chair's Introduction

11.05 **Update from Government Strategies and Legislation**

- Understanding the latest changes to government guidance published in the revised VAWG strategy and Domestic Abuse Bill
- The national landscape: an overview of the extent of FGM in 2019
- Utilising new funding commitments

11.45 **Preventative Approaches to FGM: Prosecution and Raising Awareness**

- Prevention strategies from the Home Office, policing, health services, local authorities, social services and National FGM Centre
- Raising awareness of VAWG and FGM including minority ethnic groups & refugees
- Prosecution of FGM – analysing supporting legislation: Serious Crime Act 2015, alongside Domestic Abuse Bill and VAWG Strategy
- Early intervention for 'at risk' individuals: outlining the role of agencies including child services, health, police authorities, social services and schools
- Lessons learned from previous policy initiatives and insight into the first British FGM conviction

13.15 Networking Lunch

14.00 **Supporting Survivors of VAWG and FGM**

- Ensuring the safety of survivors: signposting and accessing multiagency support
- Dealing with cases of FGM sensitively: understanding the mental, emotional and physical implications of VAWG
- Approaches to supporting 'at risk' girls or women and assisting survivors with lifelong trauma
- Improving the service of survivor support providers through collaborative working
- Lessons learned from leading support systems

15.30 Chair's Summary & Event Close

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