**FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION**

*What is female genital mutilation?*

Female genital mutilation (sometimes referred to as FGM or female circumcision) refers to procedures that intentionally alter or cause injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons.

The practice is illegal in the UK and is classed as child abuse. It is also illegal to arrange for a young person to be taken abroad for FGM.

*How to get help*

Speak to any member of College staff or speak to the College Safeguarding Team on 01226 216142 or via email at [safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk)

*Other support*

FGM helpline – 0800 028 3550(24 hours)

nspcc.org.uk – 0808 800 5000

ChildLine – 0800 1111 (24 hours)