

FGM Day – notes from workshop on next steps

Suggestions:

Check multi-faith involvement in anti-FGM work

Can social care be funded to follow through on children who have been known to have suffered FGM?

Ring fence the funding? Could safeguarding money be diverted?

Shift the effort into prevention

Check teachers' awareness

More joined up practice across the relevant agencies

Involve embassies

Be more blunt about the damage done to victims

Make it personal – talk to men and boys about what could happen to women and girls in their lives as a consequence of FGM

Target strategies to different generations

Make a real effort to understand the mindset that accepts FGM

What could the committee work on:

Propose a Southwark strategy on FGM with suggestions about what works – focussing on education, awareness raising & prevention

Look for good practice on PSHE teaching re FGM and propose that to the Southwark headteachers

Consider whether shock value can be deployed – use of images, use of personal stories

Push for better recording – more hard data required

Ask Health & Wellbeing Board to support strategy

Propose confidential helpline for people who wish to report concerns