

Request one:

Please can you supply data on how many cases of FGM were reported to your police force in calendar year 2017 (beginning January 1 and ending December 31).

If possible, please could you break this data down by age of alleged victim and occupation of person making the report.

If possible, please could you also indicate the total number of cases where FGM was reported to have taken place in the UK.

Request two:

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If possible, please could you also indicate the total number of cases where FGM was reported to have taken place in the UK.

Request three:

Please can you supply data on how many cases of FGM were reported to your police force in calendar year 2015 (beginning January 1 and ending December 31).

If possible, please could you break this data down by age of alleged victim and occupation of person making the report.

If possible, please could you also indicate the total number of cases where FGM was reported to have taken place in the UK.

Please see the attached document.

West Yorkshire Police has a duty of care to safeguard and protect the public and needs to ensure that police officers and police staff understand Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Female Genital Mutilation is a crime. It will always be dealt with as such and Officers will thoroughly investigate any cases coming to our attention. West Yorkshire Police has 5 District Safeguarding Units with specialist safeguarding officers. These officers and staff deal with all areas of safeguarding, which include FGM investigations.

West Yorkshire Police often receive reports where there may be concerns for a child from professionals due to their mothers being a victim of FGM. In these circumstances we would work jointly with Children's Social Care to ensure that the risk to the child is fully assessed and any safeguarding concerns are addressed.

We recognise though that, by the very nature of the act, this crime can often remain one that is unseen and unreported. We are dedicated to trying to work with our communities, our partner agencies and other groups in order to develop our knowledge and understanding on the scale of the issue.

**Female Genital Mutilation - Reports to Police, 01/01/2015-31/12/2017**

Notes

For the purposes of this request, "cases reported" means all incidents of FGM recorded on the West Yorkshire Police 'Niche' System.

These include:

Third party disclosures

Referrals

Incidents with an 'FGM' flag

Any incidents or crimes with the following HO Classes:

- 008/52 Genital mutilation of female
- 008/52 Aid / abet / counsel / procure the genital mutilation of a female
- 008/52 Aid abet counsel or procure a non UK citizen to mutilate the genitals of a UK female citizen overseas
- 158/07 Include in a publication matter breaching anonymity of victim of female genital mutilation
- 008/68 Fail to protect girl from risk of genital mutilation
- 068/04 Breach a Female Genital Mutilation protection order

Please note that recorded crimes may later be cancelled

Mandatory FGM recording means that FGM must be recorded even when historic (eg victim is now an adult) and it occurred in another country, sometimes many years ago

Victim Age - this has been supplied where possible at age when occurred, due to the number of historic incidents reported when the victim is an adult

It is not always clear from the occurrence log what these ages are/were, so an indication has been given where possible otherwise (eg 'baby', 'young child')

In 2015, 11 FGM Occurrences were recorded on Niche system

In 2016, 26 FGM Occurrences were recorded on Niche system

In 2017, 25 FGM Occurrences were recorded on Niche system

Further details of these 62 records are given below:

Year	Age of victim - when occurred	Occurred in UK?
2015	Concern - no FGM occurred	-
	2 months	No
	2-3 months	No
	small child	No
	Child	No
	Child	No
	Child	No
	1 month	No
	Child	No

Occupation of reporter	Number of cases reported
Unknown/Unclear	18
Midwife	6
Social services	12
Health visitor	5
Medical staff (Doctor/Nurse)	12
Social care / Midwife	9

2016	6	No
	8	No
	<4	No
	Younger than when reported	No
	Younger than when reported	No
	4-6	No
	Baby	No
	Child	No
	Concern - No FGM has occurred	-
	Child	No
	Very young	No
	Concern - No FGM has occurred	-
	Younger than when reported	No
	Younger than when reported	No
	Younger than when reported	No
	Concern - No FGM has occurred	-
	Investigated - no FGM has occurred	-
	Not stated	No
	Baby	No
	12	No
	Baby	No
	Baby	No
	5	No
Child	No	
2	No	
Concern - no FGM occurred	-	
Child	No	
Adult		
2017	Young child / baby	Not Known
	Concern - no FGM occurred	-
	Concern - no FGM occurred	-
	Child ('very young')	No
	3	No
	9	No
	6 months	No

Younger than when reported	No
Child (subject of concern)	No (if occurred)
Child (subject of concern)	No (if occurred)
Concern - No FGM has occurred	-
Child	No
Child	No
Concern - no FGM occurred	-
Child	No
Child	No
Child	No
Child	No
Child	No
Child ('very young')	No
3	No
6	No
4	No
4 or 5	No
Younger than when reported	No