

FGM SUPPORT SERVICES IN LAMBETH

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), also known as female circumcison or cutting, is a form of gender based violence which has been committed primarily against women and girls in certain communities and societies .

Many health risks are associated with FGM, both physical and emotional. At Africa Advocacy Foundation we support and empower women and girls living in Lambeth who are survivors of FGM.

We provide

- Confidential one-one assessment and support
- Closed group discussions.
- Counselling and mentoring
- Casework
- Community Outreach

Are you a survivor of FGM? Would you like to talk to someone about your experiences?

You will be supported by experienced staff and volunteers who are knowledgeable on the cultural and faith sensitivities around FGM. We also work with perpetrators including men and women to enhance their understanding of the harm caused through these beliefs, understanding the law, and empowerment and skills to campaign against these harmful practices.

Other activities include:

- Training for professionals on cultural competencies to effectively work with and support individuals and families affected by FGM and other traditional harmful practices.
- Training of Survivors as Community Champions
- Case work support
- Training in advocacy and volunteering skills

For more information and support, please call, text WhatsApp on **07709 130247** or email **agnes@africadvocacy.org**

LOCAL FGM SUPPORT CLINICS

Croydon - Edridge Practice (Calabash Clinic)

Impact House, 2 Edridge Rd, Croydon
CR0 1FE

Contact Details

Phone: 07469 413 290 or 07469 413 341
E-mail: ch-tr.fgmcroydon@nhs.net

Opening Times

Monday (every 2 weeks)

Services

The services are provided by an all-female team and include:

- physical assessment and treatment (including deinfibulation if required)
- emotional support and counselling
- general information
- access to FGM Health Advocates
- referral to a specialist consultant, if needed

For pregnant women

Support for pregnant women with FGM is also available through the maternity department at your local hospital as below.

Croydon University Hospital
Tel: 0208 4013000
530 London Road
Thornton Heath
Surrey
CR7 7YE

King's College Hospital
Tel: 0203 2999000
Denmark Hill
London
SE5 9RS

St. George's Hospital
Tel: 0208 6721255
Blackshaw Road
London
SW17 0QT

University Hospital Lewisham
Tel: 0208 3333000
Lewisham High Street
London
SE13 6LH

If you are under the age of 18 you can access FGM support through the specialist paediatric service at University College London Hospitals (UCLH). You can email UCLH for an appointment at **UCLH.paediatricsafeguarding@nhs.net**.

Lambeth residents can also contact **The Gaia Centre on 0207 733 8724**

Alternatively, please contact **The NSPCC anonymously on 0800 028 3550**

If unable to contact the above services directly please contact Africa Advocacy Foundation and we will support and refer you accordingly.