

Request Reference: 2870/18**1. How many referrals regarding concerns about Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) did your force receive in a) 2016 and b) 2017?**

2016: 156\*

2017: 135\*

*\*The data provided relates to all incidents recorded on the WMP CRIMES system which includes where a crime has been committed or a 'Non Crime' where there are concerns for a child, but no offences have been disclosed. The majority of these referrals are where an offence is not thought to have been committed, but there may either be a girl at risk of FGM and where there may be safeguarding opportunities. Safeguarding is a key priority for police along with the prosecution of offenders where an offence has been committed.*

**2. How many arrests regarding concerns about FGM did your force make in a) 2016 and b) 2017?**

2016 - 3

2017 - 0

**3. How much money has your force spent on FGM operations or projects in a) 2016 and b) 2017?**

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One operation which ran in both years was run for total of 7 days each year at an estimated cost for officers deployed and literature of £4500. However, ancillary costs for other none West Midlands Police staff have not been not factored into this estimate.

**4. Does your force have an FGM unit or team and if so how many officers and staff are in it?**

We have an FGM part time lead – DI Wendy Bird and a Subject Matter Expert - DC Gill Squires. Any FGM involving a child would be dealt with by our Child Abuse Teams, or if the victim is an adult it would be dealt with by the Domestic Abuse and/or safeguarding team for their area.