

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission Investigation of Female Genital Mutilation Cabinet - 23 November 2015 Council - 27 January 2016	Classification Public	Enclosures Appendix 1 Report of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Commission Appendix 2 Executive Response to the Report
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Introduction

The Children and Young People's Scrutiny Commission decided to hold a one day investigation into FGM in Hackney. Local authorities have a statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and protect women and girls from violence. The role of councils in helping to achieve the ambition to eliminate FGM is critical.

The overall aim of the investigation was to raise awareness and understanding of FGM in Hackney amongst members, in the context of a number of changes having been made locally over the last year to improve multi agency working. The focus was on:

- understanding what work is currently taking place in Hackney between different partners – at strategic and frontline levels
- gaining an insight into what can be done to protect girls at risk
- exploring what support is in place for women who have been cut

Recommendation

Council is requested to note the report and its response.

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