

Supplementary file 2: Male Partners of Female Genital Mutilation Survivors

Discussion Guide (Work Package 1b)

Focus	<i>Objective(s)</i> and key discussion points (nb. these are not direct questions)
FGM	<i>1a. to explore knowledge, awareness and understanding of FGM and deinfibulation</i>
	<p>Explore preferred terminology around FGM</p> <p>Explore understanding of FGM</p> <p>Explore culture of and attitudes around FGM within their community/home country</p> <p>Explore culture of and attitudes around FGM within the UK/receiving county (including FGM law in the UK/protection orders)</p> <p>Explore personal experiences and impacts of FGM</p> <p>Explore views, experiences and impacts of FGM on others (e.g. partner, wider family)</p>
Deinfibulation	<i>1a. to explore knowledge, awareness and understanding of FGM and deinfibulation</i>
	<i>1b. to elicit views on preferences for the timing of deinfibulation and the rationale for these</i>
	<i>1c. to explore perspectives on the decision making process around deinfibulation</i>
	<p>Explore preferred terminology around re-opening surgery (deinfibulation)</p> <p>Explore cultural meaning of re-opening surgery (deinfibulation) within their community</p> <p>Explore their views on re-opening surgery (deinfibulation)</p> <p>Explore personal experiences of re-opening surgery (deinfibulation)</p> <p>Explore personal decision making process around re-opening surgery (deinfibulation)</p> <p>Explore preferences for timing of re-opening surgery (deinfibulation) (e.g. when, where, who how)</p>
FGM-related care seeking	<i>1d. to explore knowledge, awareness, and experiences of FGM services and support</i>
	<i>1e. to understand the enablers, motivators and barriers to FGM care seeking behaviours</i>

	<p>Explore awareness and any experiences of accessing FGM-related care (including re-opening surgery (deinfibulation)) in home country (for themselves and/or their partner)</p> <p>Explore awareness and any experiences of accessing FGM-related care (including re-opening surgery (deinfibulation)) in UK/receiving country (for themselves and/or their partner)</p> <p>Explore awareness of local (UK) FGM services</p> <p>Explore enablers/motivators for accessing FGM-related care for themselves and/or their partner (including re-opening surgery (deinfibulation))</p> <p>Explore barriers to accessing FGM-related care for themselves and/or their partner (including re-opening surgery (deinfibulation))</p>
Future NHS FGM-related care provision	<p><i>1g. to understand how FGM care services could be improved to best meet the needs of FGM-survivors, their families and HCPs who support them in their local context</i></p>
	<p>Explore what services/support/interventions should be offered to male partners and FGM-survivors (e.g. what, where, who)</p> <p>Explore how current local FGM services could be improved</p> <p>Explore what services can do to support male partners and FGM-survivors</p>

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