

- Make sure that a female social worker takes part in the interview, wherever possible.
- There may be more than one girl in a family affected by FGM and the girls may face different risks.

**Multi-agency statutory guidance suggests that any interpreter should ideally be appropriately trained in relation to FGM*

Families from Overseas

- Be aware that many families and individuals may be frightened of contact with statutory agencies, such as social care, as they may have been told that they could have their children removed from them. The Mapping Activity on page 6 can help to ease these concerns.
- If appropriate, seek professional immigration advice regarding families in the asylum process who may be fleeing their country of origin for fear of FGM or for other reasons.

Hint

Please familiarise yourself with the questions in Appendix 5 prior to visiting the family and gathering information.