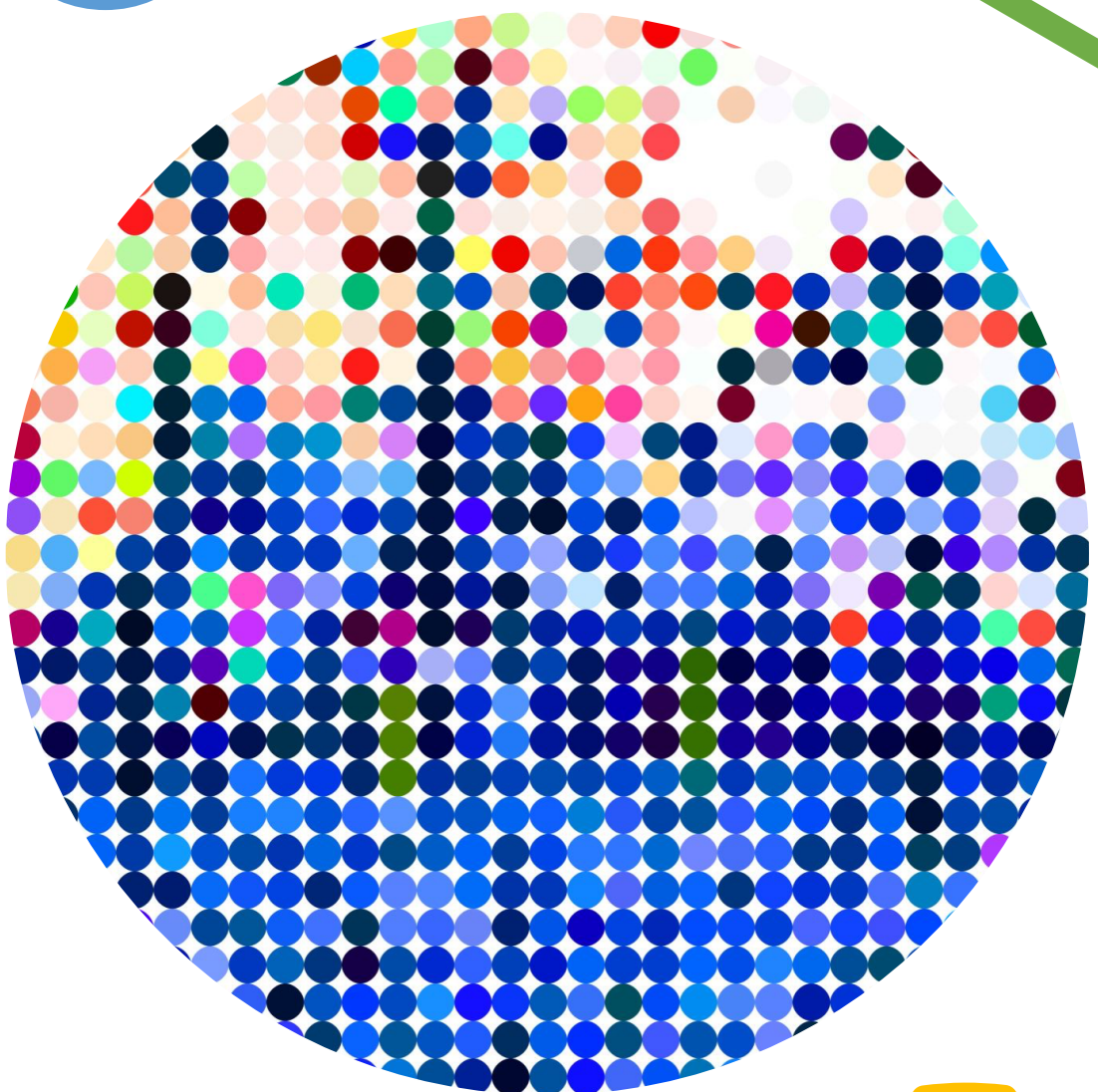




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Introduction

- Brent is regarded as one of the most ethnically and racially diverse boroughs in London.
- Brent has the greatest number of female genital mutilation appearance in England and Wales (Brent, 2019).
- Raising awareness, supporting young girls and women.
- FGM has been identified globally as a violation of women human rights and an indicator of child abuse (WHO, 2023).



Brent population 339,800



- Brent has the Highest rate of Eu nationals in London
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups make up 65% of Brent's population
- Brent has the 3rd highest rate of Hindu in England and Wales
- One in five residents in Brent is Muslims

56.1% non-UK-born 63.9% holds UK passports

Demographic of Brent Borough

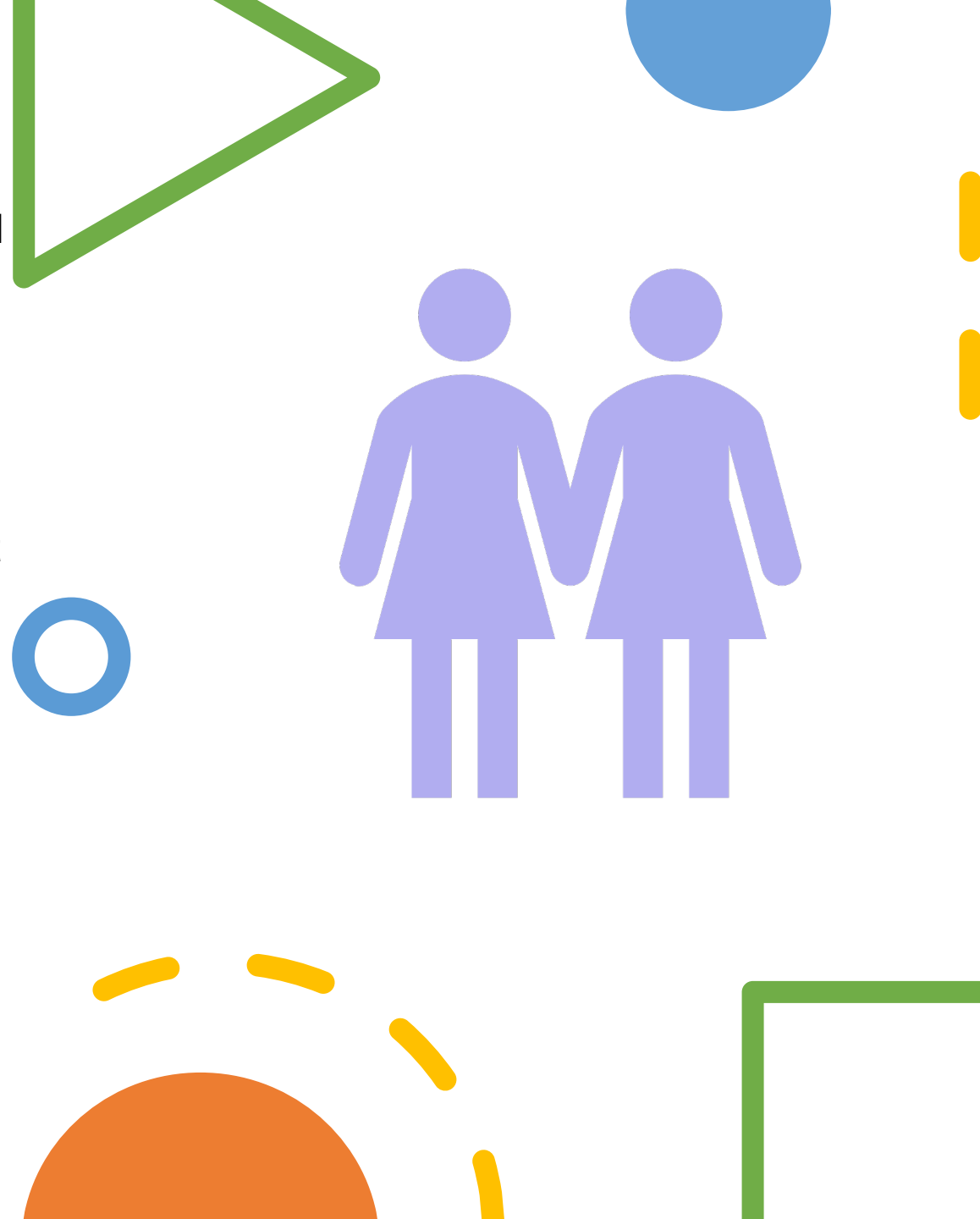
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Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

- Over 200 million girls and women in 30 African, Middle Eastern, and Asian nations have suffered FGM (WHO, 2023).
- 20,760 women and girls living in UK had undergone FGM – 965 live in Brent (Brent, 2019).
- FGM is non-medical female genital mutilation. The practice causes excessive bleeding, urinary problems, cyst infections, birthing troubles, and premature deaths in girls and women (NHS, 2022).
- FGM is conducted for a variety of sociocultural reasons in families and communities and varies by area and time. FGM is perpetuated by social pressure to acculturate to what others do and have done, the urge to be accepted socially, and the fear of being rejected by the community (WHO, 2023).

Existing means of communication

- Most agencies in Brent base their policy on the '**London Child Protection Guidance**' (Brent, 2019).
- Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) in Brent incorporates via the '**Brent Family Front Door**' (Brent, 2019).
- English acute hospital, mental health, and GP practises collect individual-level data in **FGM Enhanced Dataset (SCCI 2026)** (NHS, 2023).
- In case of risk in child abuse should call police **999**
- **Twitter** has changed the face of FGM awareness in the United Kingdom.
- AWRC, a Harlesden-based grassroots voluntary organization, has been helping women who have experienced domestic violence (Brent, 2019).

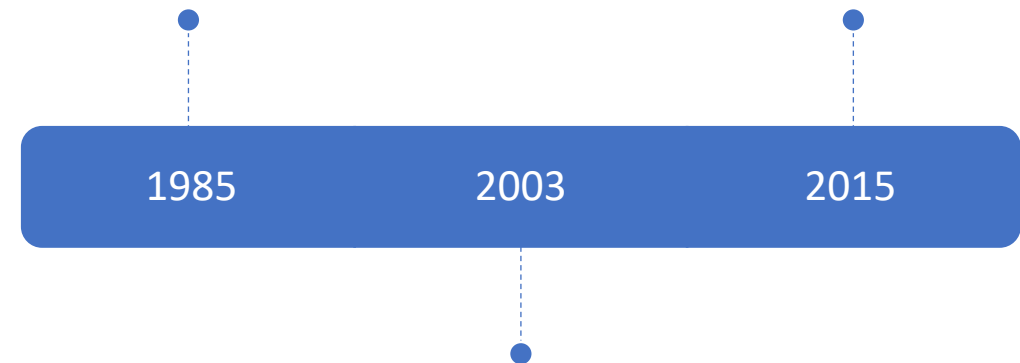


Legislations and Policies

FGM has been specific
criminal offence in the UK

since 1985

Serious Crime Act 2015



Female Genital Mutilation
Act 2003



Recommendations

- Female genital mutilation is often an accepted cultural practice, interaction with families and communities is a key factor in the fight for the prevention of it.
- In accordance with Working Together to Safeguard Children(2018), decisions or plans should be based on high-quality assessments (Brent, 2019).
- The practise of FGM should be handled as part of the structures, policies, and procedures already in place regarding the protection of children and women respectively.

Conclusion



Female Genital Mutilation is an illegal offense, and all women and girls have the right to control what occurs to their bodies, as well as the right to refuse FGM.

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