FORWARD’s FGM Training Programme

FORWARD (Foundation for Women’s Health Research and Development) organises both OCN accredited as well as tailored developed training for professionals on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

The training aims to increase front-line professionals’ knowledge, awareness and understanding on the practice of FGM as well as enabling them to respond more appropriately to women and girls at risk of or affected by FGM. The training will strengthen competency and skills; enabling multi-agency cooperation in relation to safeguarding and support services for those affected by and at risk of FGM.

The training is beneficial for the following professionals:
- Health Care Professionals: GPs, nurses, midwives
- Safeguarding and Social Services
- Educational Professionals: designated child protection leads, head teachers
- Key staff at agencies involved in responding to and supporting women and girls affected by or at risk of FGM.

Training Content includes:
1. Understanding of FGM: definition, types, health complications, prevalence and where it occurs
2. Socio-cultural context of FGM
3. UK context of FGM
4. Safeguarding and FGM
5. Information on FGM Support Services
6. The role of agencies in tackling FGM
7. Engaging Communities on FGM

Training Outcomes:
- Better understanding of the practice of FGM and social and cultural context in the UK
- Increased knowledge of the law, safeguarding policies and procedures
- Insight on provision of appropriate care and support for women and girls affected by FGM
- Exploration of the role of statutory agencies and key professionals in tackling FGM
- Exploration of practical issues and strategies for working with individuals, communities and other stakeholders to tackle FGM.

Feedback from previous training includes:
- “Thanks for the most inspiring training I have attended”
- “Fantastic session, Thank you”
- “Highly recommended, keep up the good work!”

FORWARD is an African Diaspora UK based campaign and support charity dedicated to advancing and supporting the sexual and reproductive health and rights of African women and girls. Over the last 30 years FORWARD has been in the leading organisation for tackling FGM in the UK.

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