

Summary Report for Health and Wellbeing Board

September 2017

Name of Report	Establishing Clinical Response for Adults who have suffered Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
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Date of Report	September 2017
Date of Meeting	6 October 2017
Subject Information	<p>Summary update report on the clinical response to adults who have experienced FGM.</p> <p><u>Previously</u></p> <p>The bid to the Home Office Violence Against Women and Girls Transformation Fund (VAWG) was unsuccessful.</p> <p><u>Resolution</u></p> <p>It is important that the vision for establishing the Rose Centre is not thwarted, therefore partners have worked creatively to establish a much more abbreviated version of Rose with the small amount of funds that were available.</p> <p>The venue, Oxford Road Community Centre (ORCC), was being renovated by Reading Borough Council and this work is now complete. This means that Reading Rose Centre now has a venue that is fit for purpose and allows partners to open a once-a-month drop in session for women to come to learn about FGM in practising communities, challenge the practise and access advice, support and where necessary, onward referral to therapeutic services (via the GP).</p> <p>The remaining monies secured from the NHS England Innovation Fund (2016), which were due to be used to equip the centre, is now funding the rent for the room at ORCC and will fund attendance of the clinician at the monthly drop-in session. The clinician, a Specialist Registrar from Royal Berkshire Hospital, has a special interest in FGM and related issues. Contracts have been agreed with RBH.</p> <p>Appeals for donations for equipment and furniture has proved successful, as well as colleagues and friends giving time and effort in personalising the rooms, to make the centre a welcoming place for women to come and talk about this exceptionally sensitive subject.</p> <p>The centre's motto is "No Woman Turned Away".</p>

	<p>The centre had a soft launch on 1st September 2017 but the full service, with the clinician present will be from 6th October. A publicity effort will take place prior to this, but as there is no budget for this, we are reliant on partners using their own links and resources to really push the Rose Centre and raise awareness.</p>
Discussion	<p>Monies available for this very abbreviated service will allow it to run for 1 year from September 2017. Thereafter, there will need to be a collaborative approach to funding the Centre's continuation. In the meantime, as more funding options become available, partners involved in Rose will continue to make bids to any and all appropriate sources.</p>
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• That the report is noted by the HWB• HWB members commit to promotion and awareness raising of the Drop In service across statutory agencies, e.g Social Services and Local Authorities, MASH's etc and safeguarding leads in all organisations• A 'mid-way' report is provided to HWB in March 2018 to report on the activity of Rose Centre.• The report is further shared with the Community Safety Partnerships in the West of Berkshire