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To: Members of the Health & Wellbeing Board

Dear Health & Wellbeing Board Member

### **REPORTING OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION**

As the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, I recently received the attached letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner, Anthony Stansfeld, regarding underreporting of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) across the Thames Valley. There is a concern that the mandatory reporting requirement of FGM is low across the region and each Health and Wellbeing Board has been asked to look at the reasons as to why this may be the case.

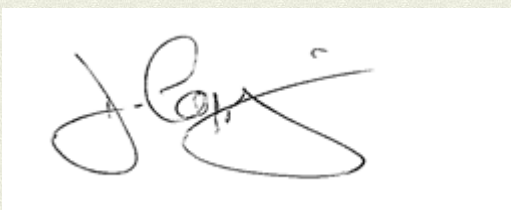
I suggest that this issue is discussed at the next Board meeting on 31 August 2016.

In the meantime, I should be grateful for a written response from each member of the Board to me reaffirming your organisation's commitment to tackling FGM, together with an overview of any activities already undertaken and any future plans to educate and support professionals to identify and raise any concerns. This will enable me to provide a composite and comprehensive response back to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

I am particularly interested in your professional opinion as to why the reporting numbers appear to be lower than expected, and whether there is anything specific that the Board can be doing to positively influence work in this area.

I should be grateful for a response by 17 August 2016.

Yours sincerely



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