

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Enhanced Dataset

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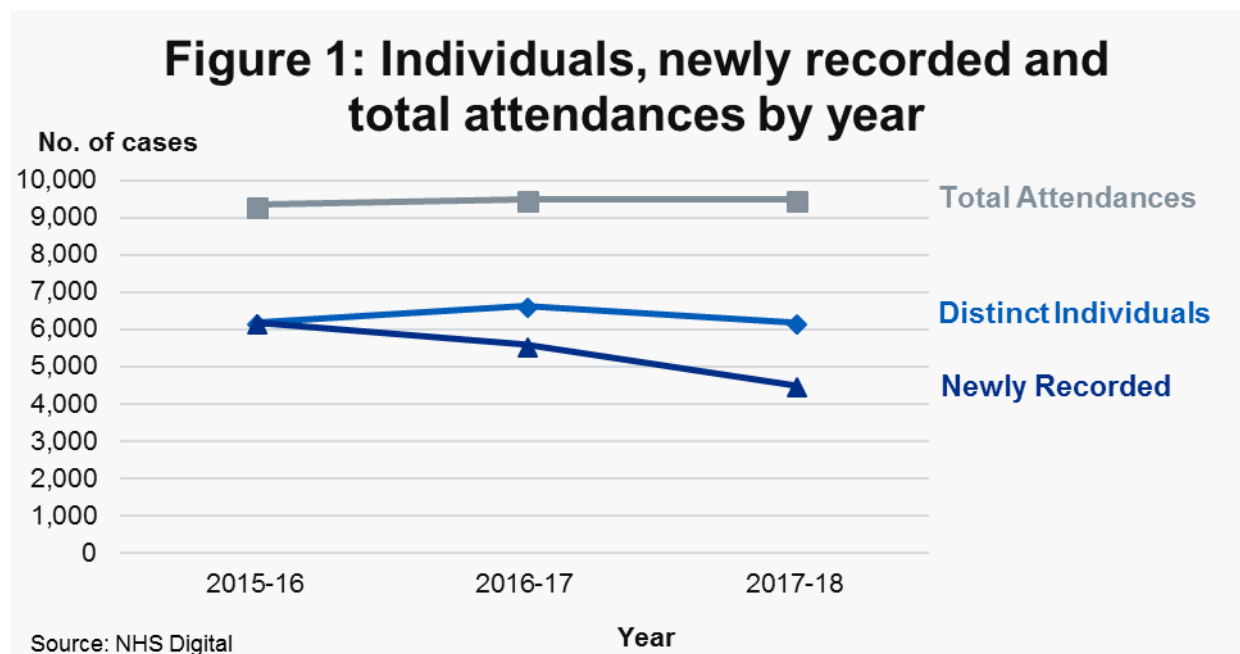
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The Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Enhanced Dataset (SCCI 2026) supports the Department of Health's FGM Prevention Programme by presenting a national picture of the prevalence of FGM in the NHS in England.

Key findings

- There were 6,195 individual¹ women and girls who had an attendance where FGM was identified or a procedure related to FGM was undertaken in the period April 2017 to March 2018. These accounted for 9,490 attendances² reported at NHS trusts and GP practices where FGM was identified or a procedure related to FGM was undertaken.
- There were 4,495 newly recorded³ women and girls in the period April 2017 to March 2018. Newly recorded means this is the first time they have appeared in this dataset. It does not indicate how recently the FGM was undertaken, nor does it mean that this is the woman or girl's first attendance for FGM.

Notes: 1, 2, 3 See definitions on page 2.



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Introduction

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) refers to procedures that intentionally alter or cause injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. FGM has been [illegal](#) in the United Kingdom (UK) since 1985, with the law being strengthened in 2003 to prevent girls travelling from the UK and undergoing FGM abroad.

The FGM Enhanced Dataset ([FGMED](#)) supports the Department of Health's [FGM Prevention Programme](#) by presenting a national picture of the prevalence of FGM in the NHS in England. Data is collected by healthcare providers in England, including acute hospital providers, mental health providers and GP practices.

This annual report covers attendances between April 2017 and March 2018. Additional analyses and breakdowns by Local Authority, NHS Trust, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and Sustainability and Transformation partnership (STP) are provided on the publication web page. The Data Quality Statement accompanying this report provides further information on the publication and data. The technical standard (SCCI 2026) for the dataset provides further information on the collection.

Organisations were requested to ensure all data for the period April 2017 to March 2018 was complete in the collection system by the beginning of May 2018 so it could be used for the quarterly report covering 1st January to March 2018. Organisations were given a chance to review and improve their data up to the 14th of June. The collection system allows updates to historic information but this has no impact on previously published data.

Participation

Between April 2017 and March 2018, 126 NHS trusts and 82 GP practices submitted one or more FGM attendance records. It is mandatory for acute hospital providers, mental health providers and GP practices to submit to the FGMED (SCCI 2026 [Information Standards Notice](#)).

About the Data

1. About the Data: Data Quality

- Not all data fields are complete in the FGM Enhanced Dataset.
- Much of the data presented in this report is accompanied by a chart or table entry detailing the completeness.
- Where data has a low level of completeness it is less reliable as the information we are presenting is based on a smaller amount of the overall data.
- The example chart below has circles around the areas that provide information about data quality to help put the presented information into context.

Treatment function

Figure 3.1: Total attendances¹ by treatment function, England, April 2017 to March 2018



Table 3.1: Total attendances¹ by treatment function, England, April 2017 to March 2018

Commissioning Region ²	Treatment function								Total
	Not recorded ³	Midwifery Service	Obstetrics	Gynaecology	Mental Health Recovery and Rehabilitation Service	Paediatric Specialties ⁴	Other Specialty ⁵	General Practitioner	
London	2,305	1,575	300	230	35	5	55	50	4,555
Midlands and East of England	95	745	695	80	0	20	120	50	1,800
North of England	265	550	520	145	5	10	20	170	1,680
South of England	845	305	150	20	0	0	5	10	1,335
Total	3,535	3,225	1,700	485	35	35	200	275	9,490

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Source: NHS Digital

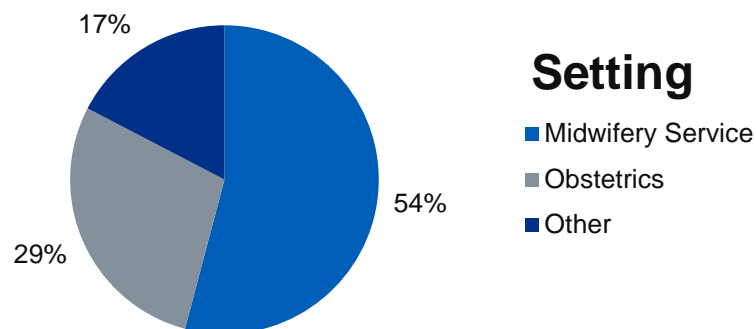
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Only

63%

of total attendances¹
have a known⁷ treatment
function area recorded.

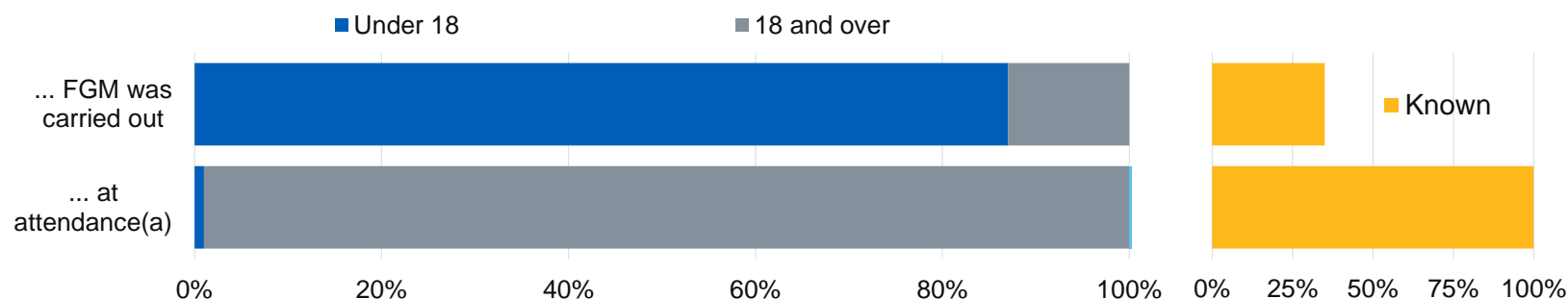
Regionally, the proportion of
known values varies between
37 and 95 per cent.

2. About the Data: When is the data collected?



- Data is collected when the FGM is identified in a healthcare setting.
- Almost 83 per cent of these attendances are in Midwifery and Obstetric services.

3. About the Data: Age...



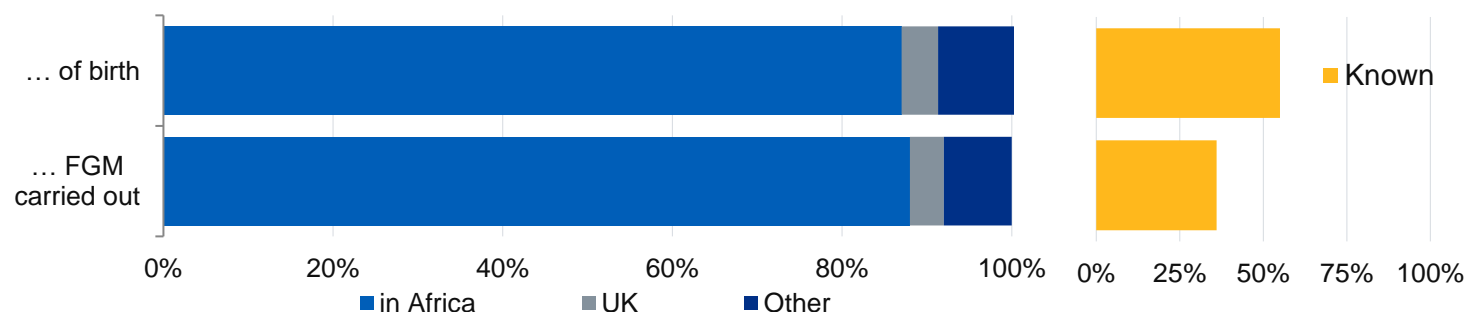
- The average age at attendance was 31^b.
- Of these, for people where FGM was undertaken under the age of 18^c, it occurred at least 10 years ago in 96 per cent of cases.

^a We are aware that babies have been recorded in the dataset in error. We have worked with organisations to delete these records, but have not completed this work, so some entries aged under 18 may be incorrect. This is a very small proportion of the data.

^b Mean age.

^c Age FGM was undertaken is recorded as within an age band in the data. The top of the age band has been used for this calculation so as to ensure at least 10 years have passed.

4. About the Data: Country...



- Where both values were known, 86 per cent of women and girls were born and had FGM undertaken in an African country.
- 88 per cent of cases undertaken in the UK are known to be piercings. Some of the remaining 12 per cent may also be piercings but the data is not complete.

5. About the Data: 'Individuals', 'Newly Recorded' and 'Total Attendances'

- **Individuals** counts each person only once – no matter how many attendances they had during the quarter.
- **Newly Recorded** counts each person once the first time they are recorded in the collection. An individual will only appear once in newly recorded no matter how many attendances they have.
- **Total Attendances** refers to all attendances in the reporting period where FGM was identified. A woman or girl may have one or more attendances in the reporting period. This category includes both newly recorded and previously identified women and girls.

Small numbers of patients cannot be assigned to a CCG and so do not have a region. These are included in the Total figures for the tables and figures in this report. These figures can be found in the additional data sheets published alongside this report.

6. About the Data: Data Suppression

The data is suppressed to minimise the risk of individuals being identified.

- All counts of people or attendance are rounded, including national totals. Numbers between 1-7 are rounded to 5 and all other numbers are rounded to the nearest 5.
- Zeroes are shown unsuppressed.
- Percentages are calculated using rounded numbers. This can lead to misleading figures when dealing with small numbers so where the denominator is less than 20, the percentage is suppressed.
- Other calculations, such as averages, are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Chapter 1: Submissions

Number of submitting organisations

Table 1.1: Number of organisations submitting attendance data by quarter, England, April 2015 to March 2018

Organisation type	Year			
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Any time
NHS trust providing mental health services ¹	17	17	17	26
NHS trust not providing mental health services ¹	104	111	109	121
GP practice	64	85	82	146
Total	185	213	208	293

Source: NHS Digital

Notes:

1. Trusts that provide mental health services are derived from the [Care Quality Commission](#) (CQC). Trusts that provide mental health services may also provide other health services.

Table 1.2: Number of organisations submitting attendance data by NHS commissioning region¹, England, April 2017 to March 2018

Organisation Type	Commissioning Region ¹				Total
	London	Midlands and East of England	North of England	South of England	
NHS trust providing mental health services ²	6	4	5	2	17
NHS trust not providing mental health services ²	16	35	36	22	109
GP practice	20	21	34	7	82
Total	42	60	75	31	208

Source: NHS Digital

Notes:

1. [NHS commissioning region](#) is derived from the organisation that submitted the Attendance record.

2. Trusts that provide mental health services are derived from the [Care Quality Commission](#) (CQC). Trusts that provide mental health services may also provide other health services.

Number of attendances

Table 1.3: Individuals, newly recorded and total attendances by quarter, April 2015 to March 2018

Year ¹	Individuals ²	Number	
		Newly Recorded ³	Total attendances ⁴
2015/16	6,185	6,185	9,335
2016/17	6,640	5,585	9,500
2017/18	6,195	4,495	9,490
Total ⁴	16,265	16,265	28,325

Source: NHS Digital

Notes:

1. Figures are based on the latest state of the database – records can be added, removed or amended after the quarter end. As such, published figures may not match previously published figures.

2. Individuals refers to all patients in the reporting period where FGM was identified or a procedure for FGM was undertaken. Each patient is only counted once.

3. Newly Recorded refers to an individual's first appearance in the FGM dataset. Newly recorded does not necessarily mean that the attendance is the woman or girl's first attendance for FGM.

4. Total Attendances refers to all attendances in the reporting period where FGM was identified or a procedure for FGM was undertaken. Women and girls may have one or more attendances in the reporting period.

Table 1.4: Number of attendances by submitting organisation type, England, April 2017 to March 2018

Organisations ¹	Individuals ²	Number	
		Newly Recorded ³	Total Attendances ⁴
NHS trust providing MH services ⁵	400	285	425
NHS trust not providing MH services ⁵	5,615	4,010	8,790
GP practice	270	200	275
Total	6,195	4,495	9,490

Source: NHS Digital

Notes:

1. The organisation that submitted the Attendance record. Trusts that provide mental health services are derived from the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Trusts that provide mental health services may also provide other health services. This will include those identified as having FGM and those having treatment for their FGM.

2. Individuals refers to all patients in the reporting period where FGM was identified or a procedure for FGM was undertaken. Each patient is only counted once.

3. Newly Recorded refers to an individual's first appearance in the FGM dataset. Newly recorded does not necessarily mean that the attendance is the woman or girl's first attendance for FGM.

4. Total Attendances refers to all attendances in the reporting period where FGM was identified or a procedure for FGM was undertaken. Women and girls may have one or more attendances in the reporting period.

Table 1.5: Number of attendances by NHS commissioning region¹, England, April 2017 to March 2018

Attendances	Number				Total
	London	Midlands and East of England	North of England	South of England	
Individuals ²	2,755	1,200	1,415	745	6,195
Newly Recorded ³	1,955	965	1,085	420	4,495
Total attendances ⁴	4,555	1,800	1,680	1,335	9,490

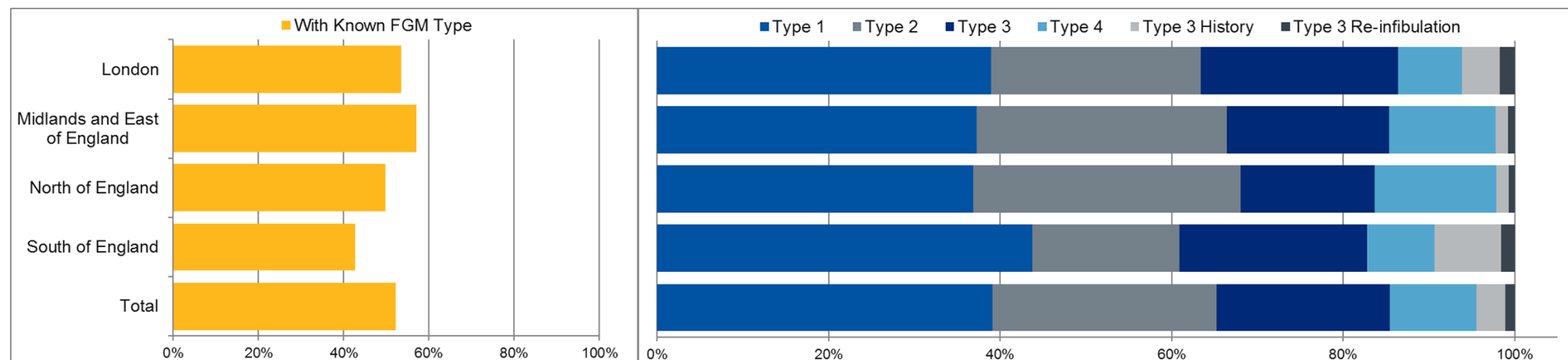
*Source: NHS Digital***Notes:**

1. [NHS commissioning region](#) is derived from the woman or girl's postcode of usual address.
2. Individuals refers to all patients in the reporting period where FGM was identified or a procedure for FGM was undertaken. Each patient is only counted once.
3. Newly Recorded refers to an individuals first appearance in the FGM dataset. Newly recorded does not necessarily mean that the attendance is the womans or girls first attendance for FGM.
4. Total Attendances refers to all attendances in the reporting period where FGM was identified or a procedure for FGM was undertaken. Women and girls may have one or more attendances in the reporting period.

Chapter 2: Individual women and girls, and total attendances

The following chapter provides one page summaries of key FGM Enhanced Dataset (FGMED) variables split by NHS Commissioning Region (NHSCR).

FGM Type

Figure 2.1: Individual¹ women and girls: by FGM Type, England, April 2017 to March 2018**Table 2.1: Individual¹ women and girls: by FGM Type, England, April 2017 to March 2018**

Commissioning Region ³	FGM Type ²								Total
	Not Recorded ⁴	Not stated or unknown ⁵	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	History of Type 3	Type 3 - Re-infibulation Identified	
London	25	1,255	575	360	340	110	65	25	2,755
Midlands and East of England	75	440	255	200	130	85	10	5	1,200
North of England	30	680	260	220	110	100	10	5	1,415
South of England	60	370	140	55	70	25	25	5	745
Total	195	2,765	1,265	845	655	325	110	35	6,195

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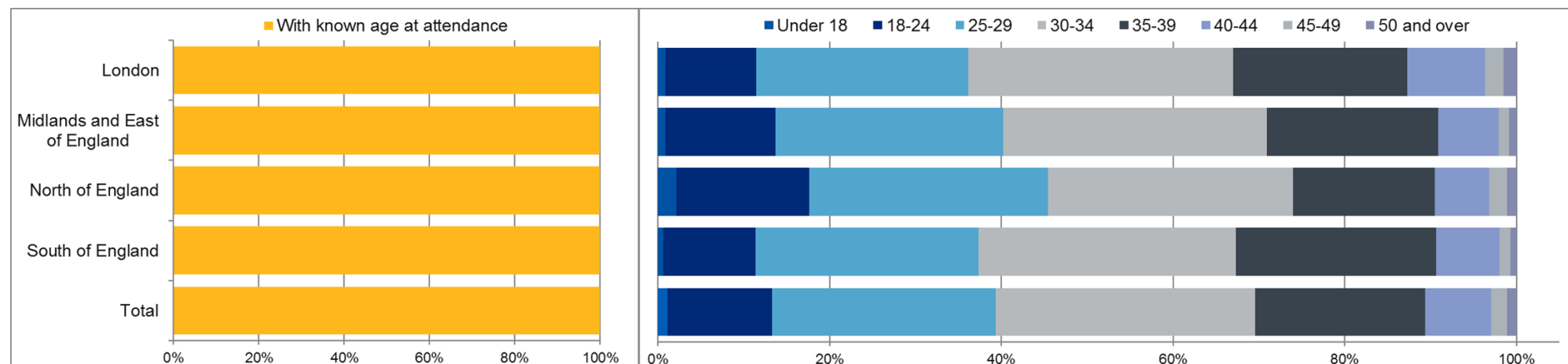
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Caution!**Only****52%**

of individual¹ women and girls have a known⁶ FGM Type recorded.

Regionally, the proportion of known values varies between 43 and 57 per cent.

Age at attendance

Figure 2.2: Individual¹ women and girls: by age at latest attendance, England, April 2017 to March 2018**Table 2.2: Individual¹ women and girls: by age at latest attendance, England, April 2017 to March 2018**

Commissioning Region ³	Age at attendance ²								Total
	Under 18*	18 and under 25	25 and under 30	30 and under 35	35 and under 40	40 and under 45	45 and under 50	50 and over	
London	25	290	680	850	560	250	60	40	2,755
Midlands and East of England	10	155	320	370	240	85	15	10	1,200
North of England	30	220	395	405	235	90	30	15	1,415
South of England	5	80	195	225	175	55	10	5	745
Total	70	755	1,615	1,870	1,225	480	115	65	6,195

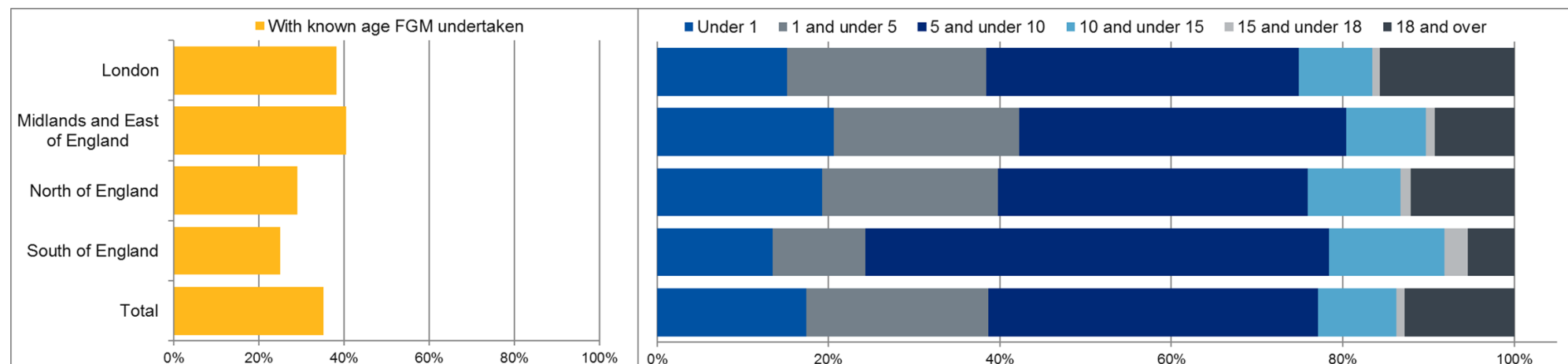
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Source: NHS Digital

100%
of individual¹ women and girls in the report have a known⁴ date of birth recorded.

* Where a patient has more than one attendance in the period, their age is calculated using the latest date. When a woman with FGM has given birth to a baby girl, the baby should not be recorded in the dataset unless the baby girl has also been identified with FGM. We are aware that babies have been recorded in the dataset in error. We have worked with organisations to delete these records, but have not completed this work, so some entries aged under 18 may be incorrect. This is a very small proportion of the data.

Age undertaken

Figure 2.3: Individual¹ women and girls by age FGM was undertaken, England, April 2017 to March 2018**Table 2.3: Individual¹ women and girls: by age FGM was undertaken, England, April 2017 to March 2018**

Commissioning region ²	Age FGM was undertaken ³								Total
	Not recorded	Not stated or unknown	Under 1	1 and under 5	5 and under 10	10 and under 15	15 and under 18	18 and over	
London	1,420	280	160	245	385	90	10	165	2,755
Midlands and East of England	500	210	100	105	185	45	5	45	1,200
North of England	385	625	80	85	150	45	5	50	1,415
South of England	460	95	25	20	100	25	5	10	745
Total	2,775	1,230	380	465	840	200	20	280	6,195

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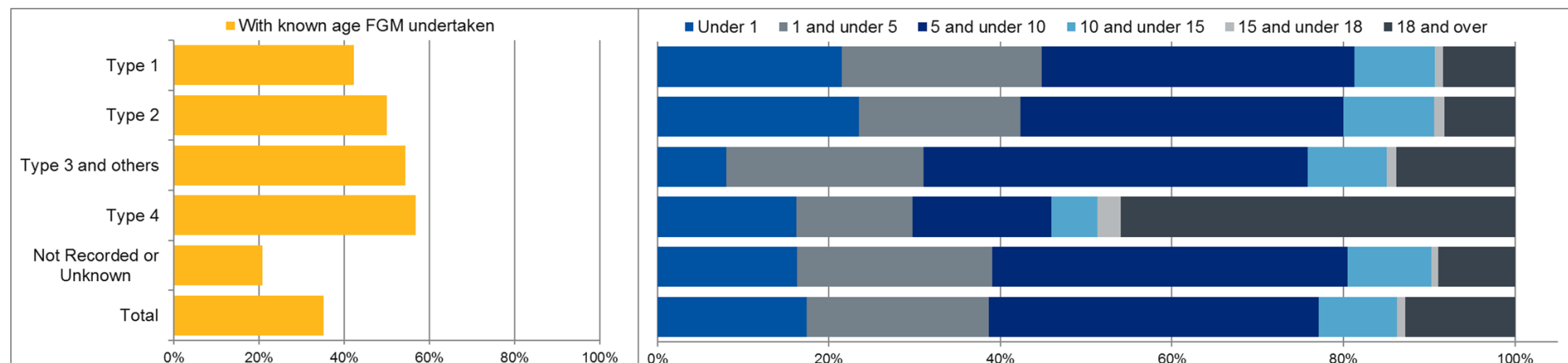
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Caution!**Only****35%**

of individual¹ women and girls have a known⁴ age when FGM was undertaken.

Regionally, the proportion of known values varies between 25 and 41 per cent.

Age undertaken by type

Figure 2.4: Individual¹ women and girls by age FGM was undertaken, by type, England, April 2017 to March 2018**Table 2.4: Individual¹ women and girls: by age FGM was undertaken, by type, England, April 2017 to March 2018**

FGM Type ²	Age FGM was undertaken ³								Total
	Not recorded	Not stated or unknown	Under 1	1 and under 5	5 and under 10	10 and under 15	15 and under 18	18 and over	
Type 1	525	205	115	125	195	50	5	45	1,265
Type 2	255	170	100	80	160	45	5	35	845
Type 3 and others	235	130	35	100	195	40	5	60	795
Type 4	100	40	30	25	30	10	5	85	325
Not Recorded or Unknown	1,655	685	100	140	255	60	5	55	2,960
Total	2,775	1,230	380	465	840	200	20	280	6,195

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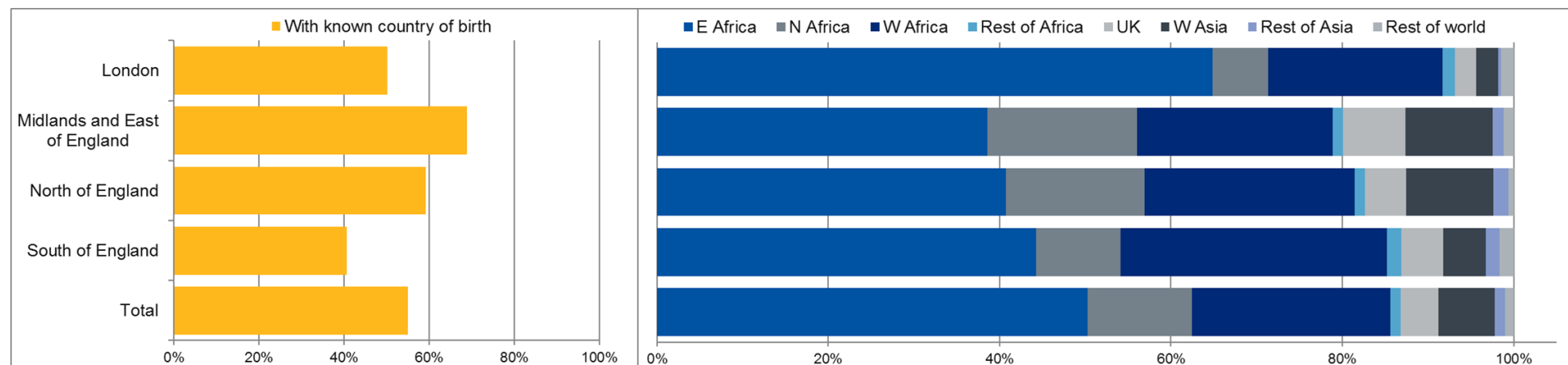
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Caution!**Only****35%**

of individual¹ women and girls have a known⁴ age when FGM was undertaken.

Based on FGM type the proportion of known varies between 21 and 57 per cent.

Country of birth

Figure 2.5: Individual¹ women and girls: by country of birth, England, April 2017 to March 2018**Table 2.5: Individual¹ women and girls by country of birth, England, April 2017 to March 2018**

Commissioning Region ³	Country of birth ²										Total
	Not recorded ⁴	Not stated or unknown ⁵	Eastern Africa	Northern Africa	Western Africa	Rest of Africa ⁷	United Kingdom	Western Asia	Rest of Asia ⁸	Rest of the world ⁹	
London	825	545	895	90	280	20	35	35	5	20	2,755
Midlands and East of England	300	75	320	145	190	10	60	85	10	10	1,200
North of England	240	335	340	135	205	10	40	85	15	5	1,415
South of England	380	65	135	30	95	5	15	15	5	5	745
Total	1,750	1,030	1,715	415	790	40	150	225	40	35	6,195

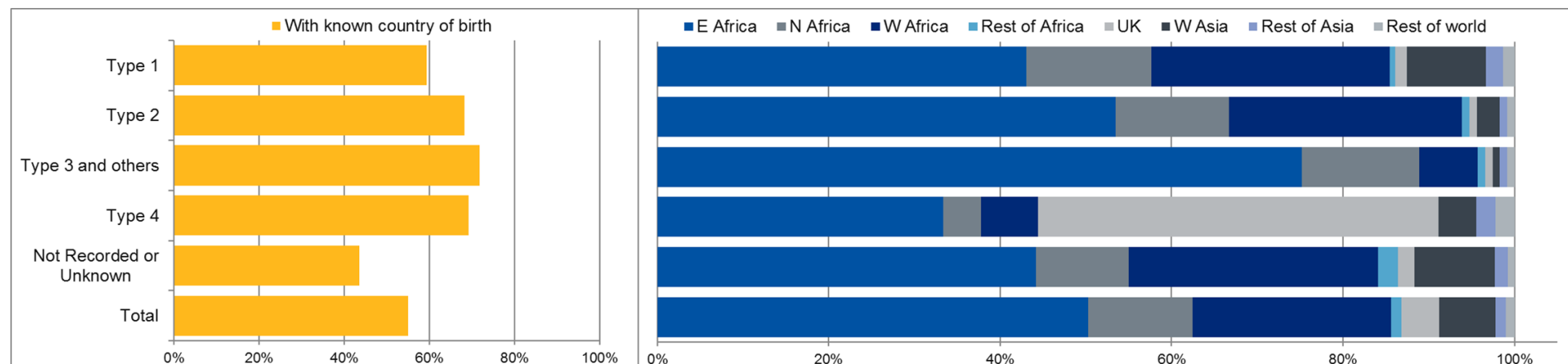
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Caution!
Only**55%****of individual¹ women and girls have a known⁶ country of birth recorded.**

Regionally, the proportion of known values varies between 41 and 69 per cent.

Country of birth, by type

Figure 2.6: Individual¹ women and girls: by country of birth, by type, England, April 2017 to March 2018**Table 2.6: Individual¹ women and girls by country of birth, by type, England, April 2017 to March 2018**

FGM Type ³	Country of birth ²										Total
	Not recorded ⁴	Not stated or unknown ⁵	Eastern Africa	Northern Africa	Western Africa	Rest of Africa ⁷	United Kingdom	Western Asia	Rest of Asia ⁸	Rest of the world ⁹	
Type 1	360	155	325	110	210	5	10	70	15	10	1,265
Type 2	165	100	305	75	155	5	5	15	5	5	845
Type 3 and others	160	70	440	80	40	5	5	5	5	5	795
Type 4	75	25	75	10	15	0	105	10	5	5	325
Not Recorded or Unknown	985	685	570	140	375	30	25	120	20	10	2,960
Total	1,750	1,030	1,715	415	790	40	150	225	40	35	6,195

Values 1-7 are rounded to 5 - all other values are rounded to the nearest 5.

Source: NHS Digital

**Caution!
Only****55%****of individual¹ women and girls have a known⁶ country of birth recorded.**

By type, the proportion of known values varies between 59 and 72 per cent.

Country where FGM was undertaken

Figure 2.7: Individual¹ women and girls by country where FGM was undertaken, England, April 2017 to March 2018

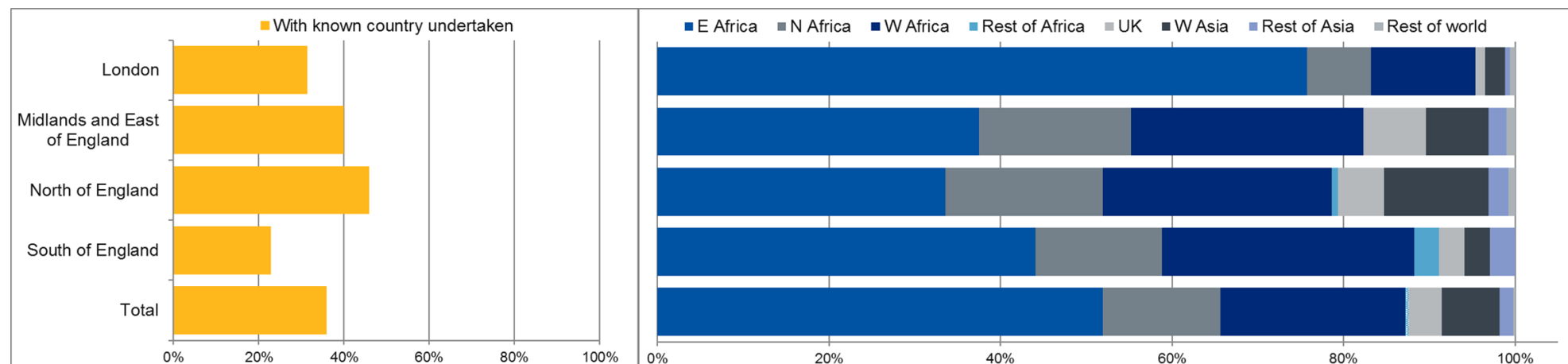


Table 2.7: Individual¹ women and girls by country where FGM was undertaken, England, April 2017 to March 2018

Commissioning Region ³	Country where FGM was undertaken ²										Total
	Not recorded ⁴	Not stated or unknown ⁵	Eastern Africa	Northern Africa	Western Africa	Rest of Africa ⁷	United Kingdom	Western Asia	Rest of Asia ⁸	Rest of the world ⁹	
London	1,425	460	655	65	105	0	10	20	5	5	2,755
Midlands and East of England	390	330	180	85	130	0	35	35	10	5	1,200
North of England	295	475	220	120	175	5	35	80	15	5	1,415
South of England	420	155	75	25	50	5	5	5	5	0	745
Total	2,540	1,430	1,155	305	480	10	85	150	35	5	6,195

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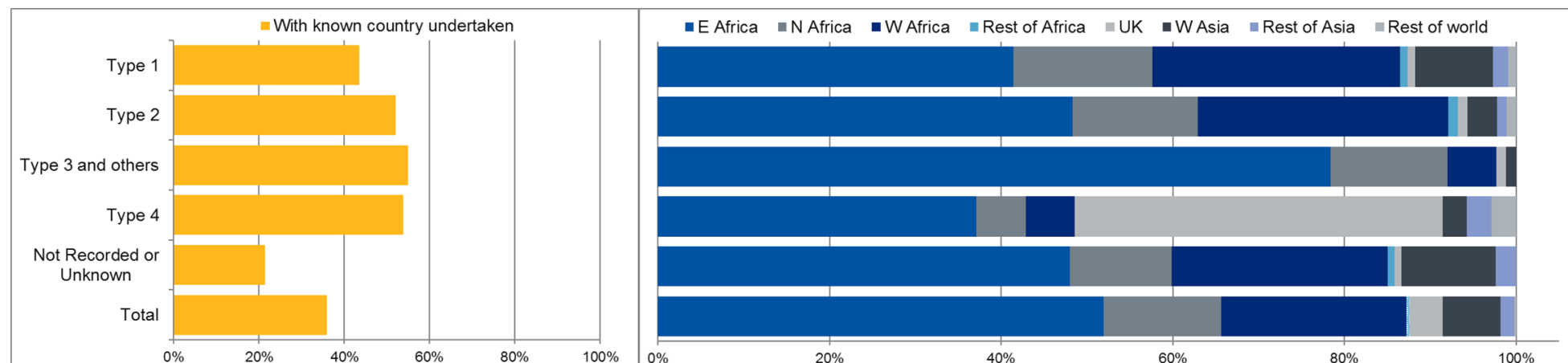
Caution!
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of individual¹ women and girls have a known⁶ country where FGM was undertaken recorded.

Regionally, the proportion of known values varies between 23 and 46 per cent.

Country where FGM was undertaken, by type

Figure 2.8: Individual¹ women and girls by country where FGM was undertaken, by type, England, April 2017 to March 2018**Table 2.8: Individual¹ women and girls by country where FGM was undertaken, by type, England, April 2017 to March 2018**

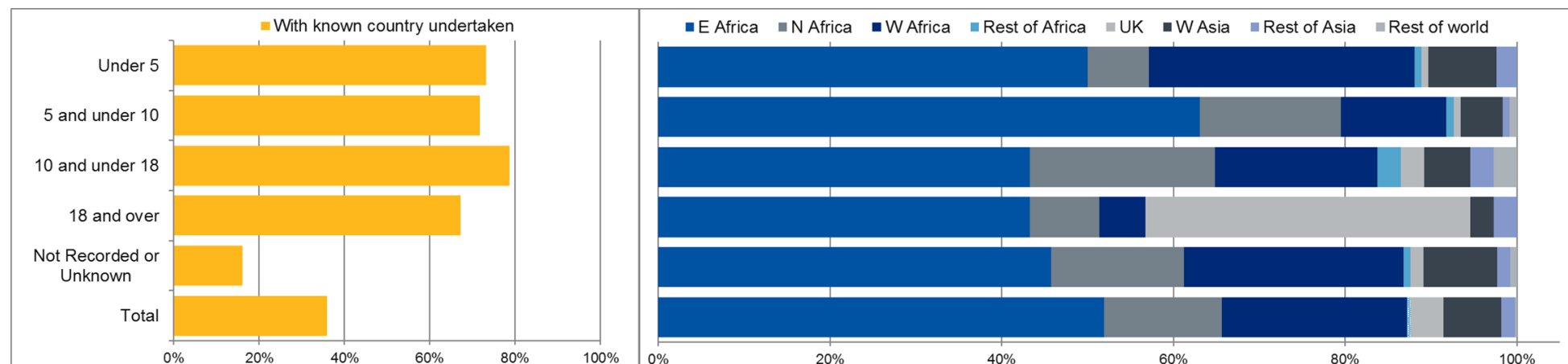
FGM Type ³	Country where FGM was undertaken ²										Total
	Not recorded ⁴	Not stated or unknown ⁵	Eastern Africa	Northern Africa	Western Africa	Rest of Africa ⁷	United Kingdom	Western Asia	Rest of Asia ⁸	Rest of the world ⁹	
Type 1	450	270	230	90	160	5	5	50	10	5	1,265
Type 2	235	175	215	65	130	5	5	15	5	5	845
Type 3 and others	210	150	345	60	25	0	5	5	0	0	795
Type 4	100	50	65	10	10	0	75	5	5	5	325
Not Recorded or Unknown	1545	780	305	75	160	5	5	70	15	0	2960
Total	2,540	1,430	1,155	305	480	10	85	150	35	5	6,195

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Source: NHS Digital

Caution!
Only**36%****of individual¹ women and girls have a known⁶ country where FGM was undertaken recorded.**

By type, the proportion of known values varies between 21 and 55 per cent.

Country where FGM was undertaken, by age undertaken**Figure 2.9: Individual¹ women and girls by country where FGM was undertaken, by age undertaken, England, April 2017 - March 2018****Table 2.9: Individual¹ women and girls by country where FGM was undertaken, by age undertaken, England, April 2017 - March 2018**

Age undertaken ³	Country where FGM was undertaken ²										Total
	Not recorded ⁴	Not stated or unknown ⁵	Eastern Africa	Northern Africa	Western Africa	Rest of Africa ⁷	United Kingdom	Western Asia	Rest of Asia ⁸	Rest of the world ⁹	
Under 5	45	185	315	45	195	5	5	50	15	0	850
5 and under 10	40	200	385	100	75	5	5	30	5	5	840
10 and under 17	10	40	80	40	35	5	5	10	5	5	220
18 and over	10	80	80	15	10	0	70	5	5	0	280
Not Recorded or Unknown	2,440	925	295	100	165	5	10	55	10	5	4,005
Total	2,540	1,430	1,155	305	480	10	85	150	35	5	6,195

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By age band undertaken, the proportion of known values varies between 16 and 79 per cent.

Daughters under the age of 18

Figure 2.10: Individual¹ women and girls by number of daughters under 18, England, April 2017 - March 2018

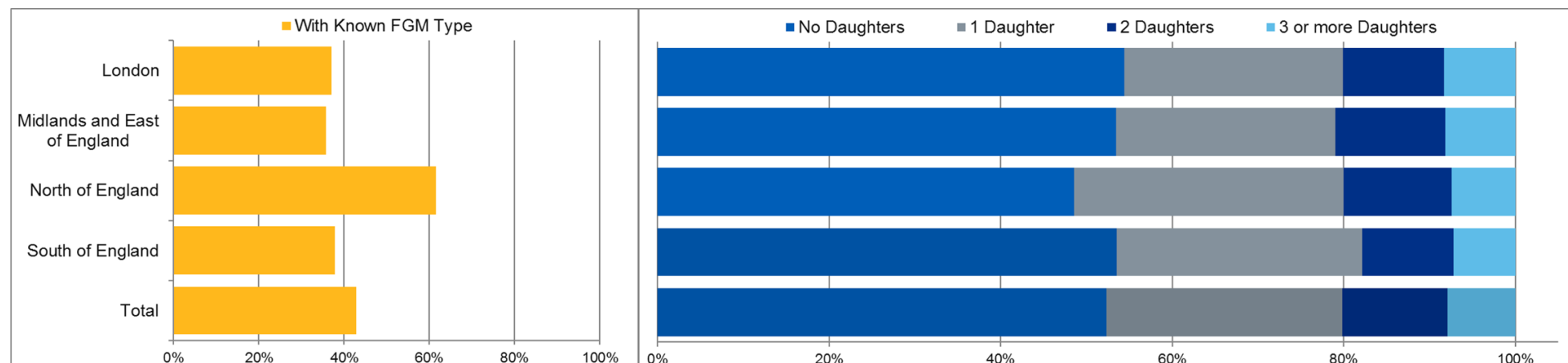


Table 2.10: Individual¹ women and girls by number of daughters under 18, England, April 2017 - March 2018

Daughters under 18

Commissioning Region ²	Daughters under 18						Total
	Not Recorded ³	Not stated or unknown ⁴	No Daughters	1 Daughter	2 Daughters	3 or more Daughters	
London	1,255	480	555	260	120	85	2,755
Midlands and East of England	285	485	230	110	55	35	1,200
North of England	90	455	425	275	110	65	1,415
South of England	430	30	150	80	30	20	745
Total	2,065	1,470	1,390	730	325	210	6,195

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Caution!

Only

43%

of individual¹ women and girls have a known⁵ number of daughters recorded.

Regionally, the proportion of known values varies between 36 and 62 per cent.

Daughters born at this attendance

Figure 2.11: Total attendances¹ by whether a daughter was born at the attendance, England, April 2017 to March 2018

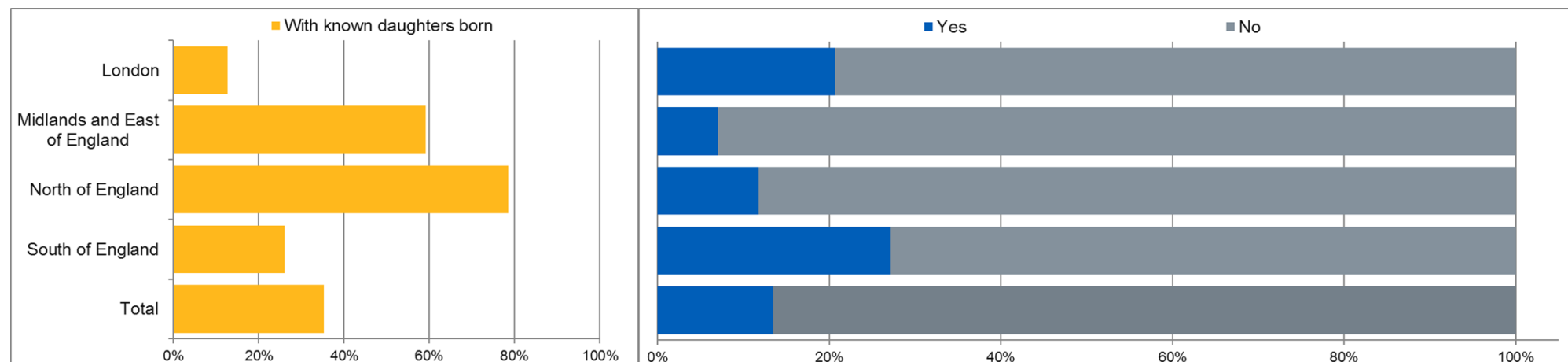


Table 2.11: Total attendances¹ by whether a daughter was born at the attendance, England, April 2017 to March 2018

Commissioning Region ²	Daughter(s) born at this attendance			Total
	Not Recorded ³	Yes	No	
London	3,975	120	460	4,555
Midlands and East of England	735	75	990	1,800
North of England	360	155	1,160	1,680
South of England	990	95	255	1,335
Total	6,140	450	2,900	9,490

Values 1-7 are rounded to 5 - all other values are rounded to the nearest 5.

Source: NHS Digital

Caution!

Only

35%

of total attendances¹ have a known⁴ record of if a daughter was born at the attendance or not.

Regionally, the proportion of known values varies between 13 and 79 per cent.

Deinfibulation

Figure 2.12: Total attendances¹ by deinfibulation status, England, April 2017 to March 2018

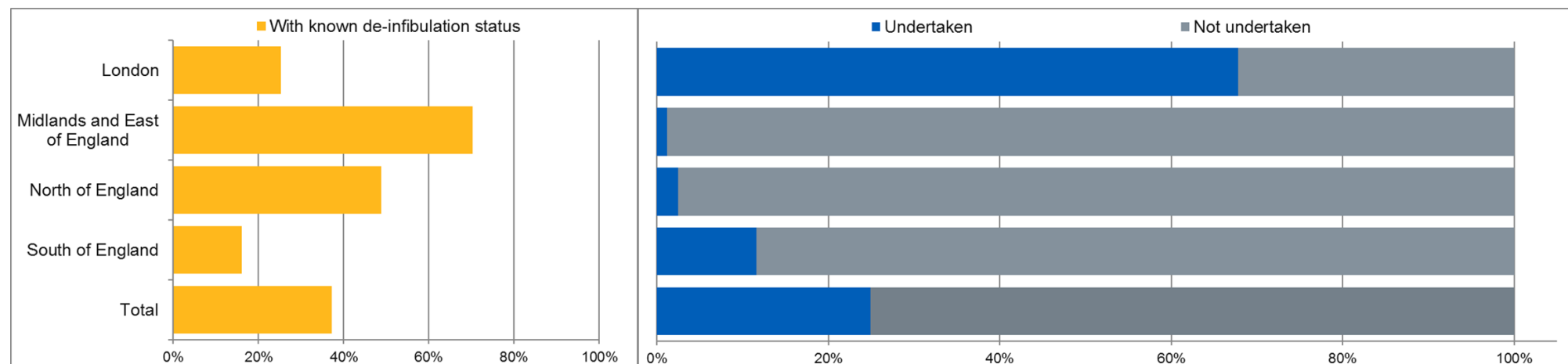


Table 2.12: Total attendances¹ by deinfibulation status, England, April 2017 to March 2018

Commissioning Region ²	De-infibulation status			Total
	Not Recorded ³	Undertaken	Not undertaken	
London	3,405	780	370	4,555
Midlands and East of England	535	15	1,250	1,800
North of England	860	20	800	1,680
South of England	1,120	25	190	1,335
Total	5,965	880	2,650	9,490

Values 1-7 are rounded to 5 - all other values are rounded to the nearest 5.

Source: NHS Digital

Caution!
Only

37%

of total attendances¹ have a known⁴ deinfibulation status recorded.

Regionally, the proportion of known values varies between 16 and 70 per cent.

Health Implications

Figure 2.13: Total attendances¹ by whether the woman or girl was advised of the health implications of FGM, England, April 2017 to March 2018

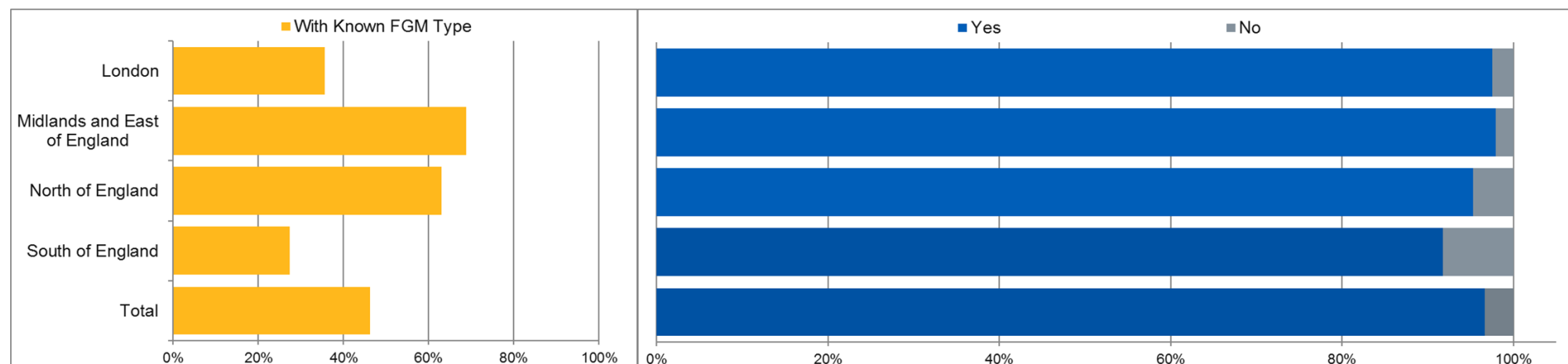


Table 2.13: Total attendances¹ by whether the woman or girl was advised of the health implications of FGM, England, April 2017 to March 2018

Commissioning Region ²	Health implications advised				Total
	Not Recorded ³	Unknown ⁴	Yes	No	
London	2,460	475	1,585	40	4,555
Midlands and East of England	315	245	1,215	25	1,800
North of England	160	460	1,010	50	1,680
South of England	930	40	335	30	1,335
Total	3,880	1,225	4,240	145	9,490

Values 1-7 are rounded to 5 - all other values are rounded to the nearest 5.

Source: NHS Digital

Caution!

Only

46%

of total attendances¹ have a known⁵ record of if the woman or girl was advised of the health implications of FGM.

Regionally, the proportion of known values varies between 27 and 69 per cent.

Illegalities of FGM

Figure 2.14: Total attendances¹ by whether the woman or girl was advised of the illegalities of FGM, England, April 2017 to March 2018

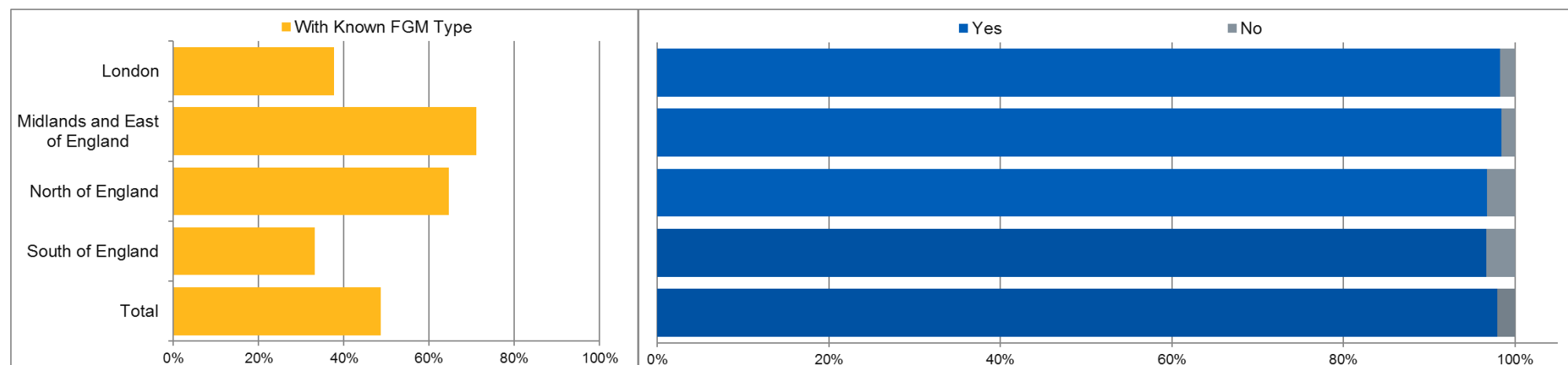


Table 2.14: Total attendances¹ by whether the woman or girl was advised of the illegalities of FGM, England, April 2017 to March 2018

Commissioning Region ²	Health implications advised				Total
	Not Recorded ³	Unknown ⁴	Yes	No	
London	2275	565	1,685	30	4,555
Midlands and East of England	315	205	1,260	20	1,800
North of England	145	450	1,050	35	1,680
South of England	855	40	430	15	1,335
Total	3,595	1,270	4,530	95	9,490

Values 1-7 are rounded to 5 - all other values are rounded to the nearest 5.

Source: NHS Digital

Caution!
Only

49%

of total attendances¹ have a known⁵ record of if the woman or girl was advised of the illegalities of FGM.

Regionally, the proportion of known values varies between 33 and 71 per cent.

Chapter 3: Additional Information

Treatment function

Figure 3.1: Total attendances¹ by treatment function, England, April 2017 to March 2018

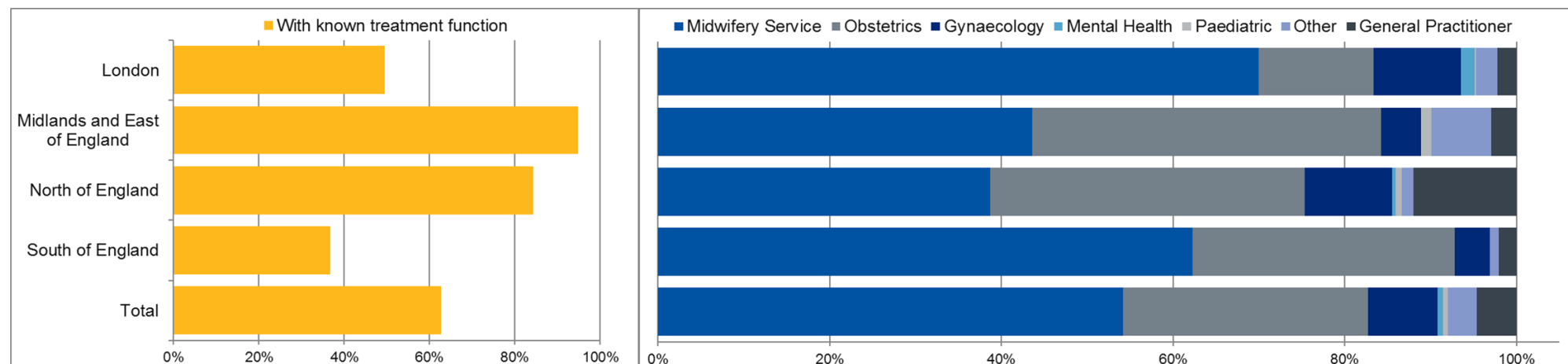


Table 3.1: Total attendances¹ by treatment function, England, April 2017 to March 2018

Commissioning Region ²	Treatment function								Total
	Not recorded ³	Midwifery Service	Obstetrics	Gynaecology	Mental Health Recovery and Rehabilitation Service	Paediatric Specialties ⁴	Other Specialty	General Practitioner	
London	2,305	1,575	300	230	35	5	55	50	4,555
Midlands and East of England	95	745	695	80	0	20	120	50	1,800
North of England	265	550	520	145	5	10	20	170	1,680
South of England	845	305	150	20	0	0	5	10	1,335
Total	3,535	3,225	1,700	485	35	35	200	275	9,490

Values 1-7 are rounded to 5 - all other values are rounded to the nearest 5.

Source: NHS Digital

Caution!

Only

63%

of total attendances¹ have a known treatment function area recorded.

Regionally, the proportion of known values varies between 37 and 95 per cent.

Individual Country Information

Table 3.2: Number of individual¹ women and girls by country of birth and FGM type where there is at least one person during the year, England, April 2017 to March 2018

Sub region	Country	FGM Type								Total
		Not recorded	Not stated or unknown	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	History of FGM Type 3	FGM Type 3 - Re-infibulation identified	
Eastern Africa	Somalia	35	320	185	165	295	35	60	5	1095
Eastern Africa	Eritrea	15	115	80	95	60	20	10	0	390
Western Africa	Nigeria	20	180	90	55	5	5	5	5	365
Northern Africa	Sudan (the)	10	115	95	65	65	10	10	5	365
Eastern Africa	Ethiopia	5	65	40	35	10	10	0	0	170
Western Africa	Gambia (the)	5	55	40	40	10	5	5	5	165
Western Asia	Iraq	5	90	45	5	5	10	0	0	160
United Kingdom (the)	United Kingdom (the)	0	25	10	5	5	105	0	0	150
Western Africa	Sierra Leone	5	45	30	30	5	5	5	0	115
Northern Africa	Egypt	5	15	20	10	5	5	5	0	50
Western Africa	Guinea	5	20	20	10	0	0	0	0	50
Eastern Africa	Kenya	0	10	20	5	5	5	0	0	35
Rest of Africa	Central African Republic (the)	5	20	5	5	0	0	5	0	30
Western Asia	Saudi Arabia	0	5	10	10	5	5	5	0	30
Western Asia	Yemen	5	10	10	5	5	5	0	0	30
Western Africa	Guinea-Bissau	5	10	10	5	0	0	0	0	25
Western Africa	Côte d'Ivoire	5	10	5	5	0	5	0	0	20
Western Africa	Senegal	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	15
Rest of Asia	Iran (the Islamic Republic of)	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	10
Western Africa	Niger (the)	0	5	5	5	0	5	0	0	10
Western Africa	Ghana	0	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	10
Rest of world	Spain	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	10
Eastern Africa	Djibouti	0	5	5	5	5	5	0	0	10

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Western Africa	Liberia	0	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	10
Rest of Asia	Sri Lanka	0	5	5	0	0	5	0	0	5
Rest of world	Lithuania	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Western Africa	Mali	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	Malawi	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Rest of Asia	Malaysia	0	5	5	0	0	5	0	0	5
Western Asia	Kuwait	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of Asia	Indonesia	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of Asia	India	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Italy	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Jamaica	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of Asia	Kazakhstan	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Denmark	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Ecuador	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Finland	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	France	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of Africa	Congo	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Czech Republic (the)	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Germany	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	5
Rest of Asia	Afghanistan	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Western Asia	United Arab Emirates (the)	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	Burundi	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Western Africa	Benin	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Western Africa	Burkina Faso	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Rest of Asia	Bangladesh	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Rest of Africa	South Africa	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	Zambia	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	Zimbabwe	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	0	5
Rest of world	El Salvador	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Netherlands (the)	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Western Asia	Oman	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of Asia	Pakistan	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Rest of Asia	Philippines (the)	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

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Rest of world	Papua New Guinea	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Portugal	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Russian Federation (the)	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	South Sudan	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Slovakia	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Rest of world	Sweden	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Western Asia	Syrian Arab Republic (the)	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of Africa	Chad	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Western Africa	Togo	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	Tanzania, United Republic of	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	Uganda	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Ukraine	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5

Source: NHS Digital

Notes:

1. Individual women and girls recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset during the reporting period. This will include those identified as having FGM and those having treatment for their FGM.
2. Rounding – numbers 1-7 are rounded to 5, and all other numbers are rounded to the nearest five. Because of this the sum of the individual columns does not always equal the total.

Individual Country Information

Table 3.3: Number of individual¹ women and girls by country FGM undertaken and FGM type where there is at least one person during the year, England, April 2017 to March 2018

Sub region	Country	FGM Type								Total
		Not recorded	Not stated or unknown	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	History of FGM Type 3	FGM Type 3 - Re-infibulation identified	
Eastern Africa	Somalia	0	195	140	110	235	30	50	5	760
Northern Africa	Sudan (the)	0	65	70	50	50	10	10	5	260
Eastern Africa	Eritrea	0	60	60	65	35	20	5	0	240
Western Africa	Nigeria	0	95	75	45	5	5	5	5	230
Western Africa	Gambia (the)	0	40	35	35	5	5	5	5	125
Western Asia	Iraq	0	65	35	5	0	5	0	0	110
Eastern Africa	Ethiopia	0	35	20	25	10	10	5	0	105
United Kingdom (the)	United Kingdom (the)	0	5	5	5	5	75	0	0	85
Western Africa	Sierra Leone	0	10	15	30	5	0	0	0	55
Northern Africa	Egypt	0	10	20	10	5	5	5	0	40
Western Africa	Guinea	0	10	15	10	0	0	0	0	35
Eastern Africa	Kenya	0	10	10	10	5	5	0	0	30
Western Asia	Saudi Arabia	0	5	5	5	5	0	5	0	20
Western Asia	Yemen	0	5	5	5	5	5	5	0	10
Rest of Asia	Iran (the Islamic Republic of)	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	10
Western Africa	Niger (the)	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	10
Rest of Asia	Sri Lanka	0	5	5	0	0	5	0	0	10
Western Africa	Mali	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Western Africa	Mauritania	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	Malawi	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Rest of Asia	Malaysia	0	5	5	0	0	5	0	0	5
Rest of world	Jamaica	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Western Africa	Liberia	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Northern Africa	Libya	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	5

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Western Asia	Oman	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Western Africa	Senegal	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Western Africa	Ghana	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Spain	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Western Africa	Guinea-Bissau	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of Asia	Indonesia	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of Asia	India	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of Asia	Afghanistan	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Western Asia	United Arab Emirates (the)	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	Burundi	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Western Africa	Burkina Faso	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Rest of Africa	Central African Republic (the)	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Western Africa	Côte d'Ivoire	0	5	5	5	0	5	0	0	5
Rest of Africa	Cameroon	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of Africa	Congo	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of world	Germany	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	Djibouti	0	0	0	5	5	5	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	Zambia	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	Zimbabwe	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	South Sudan	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Western Asia	Syrian Arab Republic (the)	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of Africa	Chad	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Rest of Asia	Thailand	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Northern Africa	Tunisia	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	Tanzania, United Republic of	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	5
Eastern Africa	Uganda	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	5

Source: NHS Digital

Notes:

1. Individual women and girls recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset during the reporting period. This will include those identified as having FGM and those having treatment for their FGM.
2. Rounding – numbers 1-7 are rounded to 5, and all other numbers are rounded to the nearest five. Because of this the sum of the individual columns does not always equal the total.

Chapter 4: Reference

Notes

FGM Type [\(back\)](#)

1. Individual women and girls recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset during the reporting period. This will include those identified as having FGM and those having treatment for their FGM.
2. Where a patient has more than one FGM type recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset, the latest is used.
3. [Commissioning region](#) is derived from the patient's postcode of usual address.
4. Not recorded means that no value has been returned for an individual.
5. The 'Not stated or unknown' category includes all cases where a value was returned stating that this data item was unknown.
6. The 'known' category excludes "Not Recorded" and "Not stated or unknown".

Age at attendance [\(back\)](#)

1. Individual women and girls recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset during the reporting period. This will include those identified as having FGM and those having treatment for their FGM.
2. Where a patient has more than one attendance in the period, their age is calculated using the latest date. When a woman with FGM has given birth to a baby girl, the baby should not be recorded in the dataset unless the baby girl has also been identified with FGM. We are aware that babies have been recorded in the dataset in error. We have worked with organisations to delete these records, but have not completed this work, so some entries aged under 18 may be incorrect. This is a very small proportion of the data.
3. [Commissioning region](#) is derived from the patient's postcode of usual address.
4. Small numbers of patients with data quality issues connected to invalid dates of birth or without a valid attendance data are removed from the report.

Age undertaken [\(back\)](#)

1. Individual women and girls recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset during the reporting period. This will include those identified as having FGM and those having treatment for their FGM.
2. [Commissioning region](#) is derived from the patient's postcode of usual address, reverting to care provider or submitting organisation where unavailable.
3. When a woman with FGM has given birth to a baby girl, the baby should not be recorded in the dataset unless the baby girl has also been identified with FGM. We are aware that babies have been recorded in the dataset in error. We have worked with organisations to delete these records, but have not completed this work, so some entries aged under 18 may be incorrect. This is a very small proportion of the data.
4. The 'Known' category excludes all cases where no valid Age undertaken was returned for this data item.

Age undertaken by type [\(back\)](#)

1. Individual women and girls recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset during the reporting period. This will include those identified as having FGM and those having treatment for their FGM.
2. Definitions of FGM type can be found in the Definitions section at the end of this report.
3. When a woman with FGM has given birth to a baby girl, the baby should not be recorded in the dataset unless the baby girl has also been identified with FGM. We are aware that babies have been recorded in the dataset in error. We have worked with organisations to delete these records, but have not completed this work, so some entries aged under 18 may be incorrect. This is a very small proportion of the data.
4. The 'Known' category excludes all cases where no valid Age undertaken was returned for this data item.

Country of birth [\(back\)](#)

1. Individual women and girls recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset during the reporting period. This will include those identified as having FGM and those having treatment for their FGM.
2. Where a patient has more than one Country of Birth recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset, the latest is used.
3. [Commissioning region](#) is derived from the patient's postcode of usual address, reverting to care provider or submitting organisation where unavailable.
4. Not recorded means that no value has been returned for an individual.
5. The 'Not stated or unknown' category includes all cases where a value was returned stating that this data item was unknown.
6. The 'Known' category excludes "Not Recorded" and "Not stated or unknown".
7. 'Rest of Africa' includes all cases where the recorded country of birth is in Middle and Southern Africa, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).
8. 'Rest of Asia' includes all cases where the recorded country of birth is in Central, Eastern, South-Eastern Asia and Southern Asia, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).
9. 'Rest of the world' includes all cases where the recorded country of birth is outside of Africa, Asia and the United Kingdom, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).

Country of birth by type [\(back\)](#)

1. Individual women and girls recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset during the reporting period. This will include those identified as having FGM and those having treatment for their FGM.
2. Where a patient has more than one Country of Birth recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset, the latest is used.
3. Definitions of FGM type can be found in the Definitions section at the end of this report.
4. The 'Not recorded' category includes all cases where no value was returned for this data item.
5. The 'Not stated or unknown' category includes all cases where a value was returned stating that this data item was unknown.
6. The 'Known' category excludes all cases where the country of birth was reported as not stated or unknown, and cases where no value has been returned for this data item.
7. 'Rest of Africa' includes all cases where the recorded country of birth is in Middle and Southern Africa, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).

8. 'Rest of Asia' includes all cases where the recorded country of birth is in Central, Eastern, South-Eastern Asia and Southern Asia, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).
9. 'Rest of the world' includes all cases where the recorded country of birth is outside of Africa, Asia and Europe, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).

Country where FGM undertaken [\(back\)](#)

1. Individual women and girls recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset during the reporting period. This will include those identified as having FGM and those having treatment for their FGM.
2. Where a patient has more than one Country where FGM undertaken recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset, the latest is used.
3. [Commissioning region](#) is derived from the patient's postcode of usual address.
4. Not recorded means that no value has been returned for an individual.
5. The 'Not stated or unknown' category includes all cases where a value was returned stating that this data item was unknown.
6. The 'Known' category excludes "Not Recorded" and "Not stated or unknown".
7. 'Rest of Africa' includes all cases where the recorded country of birth is in Middle and Southern Africa, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).
8. 'Rest of Asia' includes all cases where the recorded country of birth is in Central, Eastern, South-Eastern Asia and Southern Asia, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).
9. 'Rest of the world' includes all cases where the recorded country of birth is outside of Africa, Asia and the United Kingdom, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).

Country where FGM undertaken by type [\(back\)](#)

1. Individual women and girls recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset during the reporting period. This will include those identified as having FGM and those having treatment for their FGM.
2. Where a patient has more than one Country where FGM undertaken recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset, the latest is used.
3. Definitions of FGM type can be found in the Definitions section at the end of this report.
4. The 'Not recorded' category includes all cases where no value was returned for this data item.
5. The 'Not stated or unknown' category includes all cases where a value was returned stating that this data item was unknown.
6. The 'Known' category excludes all cases where the country the FGM was undertaken was reported as not stated or unknown, and cases where no value has been returned for this data item.
7. 'Rest of Africa' includes all cases where the recorded country where FGM was undertaken is in Middle and Southern Africa, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).
8. 'Rest of Asia' includes all cases where the recorded country of birth is in Central, Eastern, South-Eastern Asia and Southern Asia, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).
9. 'Rest of the world' includes all cases where the recorded country where FGM was undertaken is outside of Africa, Western Asia and Europe, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).

Country where FGM undertaken by age undertaken [\(back\)](#)

1. Individual women and girls recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset during the reporting period. This will include those identified as having FGM and those having treatment for their FGM.
2. Where a patient has more than one Country where FGM undertaken recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset, the latest is used.
3. Further information on 'Age FGM undertaken' is provided in table 2.3.
4. The 'Not recorded' category includes all cases where no value was returned for this data item.
5. The 'Not stated or unknown' category includes all cases where a value was returned stating that this data item was unknown.
6. The 'Known' category excludes all cases where the country the FGM was undertaken was reported as not stated or unknown, and cases where no value has been returned for this data item.
7. 'Rest of Africa' includes all cases where the recorded country where FGM was undertaken is in Middle and Southern Africa, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).
8. 'Rest of Asia' includes all cases where the recorded country of birth is in Central, Eastern, South-Eastern Asia and Southern Asia, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).
9. 'Rest of the world' includes all cases where the recorded country where FGM was undertaken is outside of Africa, Western Asia and Europe, according to the [UNSD regional mappings](#).

Daughters under the age of 18 [\(back\)](#)

1. Individual women and girls recorded in the FGM Enhanced Dataset during the reporting period. This will include those identified as having FGM and those having treatment for their FGM.
2. [Commissioning region](#) is derived from the patient's postcode of usual address, reverting to care provider or submitting organisation where unavailable.
3. The 'Not recorded' category includes all cases where no value was returned for this data item.
4. The 'Not stated or unknown' category includes all cases where a value was returned stating that this data item was unknown.
5. The 'Known' category excludes all cases where the information was reported as not stated or unknown, and cases where no value has been returned for this data item.

Daughters born at this attendance [\(back\)](#)

1. Women and girls may have one or more attendances in the stated period. An attendance will be when a woman or girl with FGM has had treatment for her FGM or given birth to a baby girl, or when FGM has been identified.
2. [Commissioning region](#) is derived from the patient's postcode of usual address, reverting to care provider or submitting organisation where unavailable.
3. The 'Not recorded' category includes all cases where no value was returned for this data item.
4. The 'Known' category excludes all cases where the information was reported as not recorded, and cases where no value has been returned for this data item.

Deinfibulation [\(back\)](#)

1. Women and girls may have one or more attendances in the stated period. An attendance will be when a woman or girl with FGM has had treatment for her FGM or given birth to a baby girl, or when FGM has been identified.
2. [Commissioning region](#) is derived from the patient's postcode of usual address, reverting to care provider or submitting organisation where unavailable.
3. Not recorded means that no value has been returned for an individual.
4. The known category includes all cases where a value was returned for this data item. This data item is collected for all attendances irrespective of FGM type.

Health Implications [\(back\)](#)

1. Women and girls may have one or more attendances in the stated period. An attendance will be when a woman or girl with FGM has had treatment for her FGM or given birth to a baby girl, or when FGM has been identified.
2. [Commissioning region](#) is derived from the patient's postcode of usual address, reverting to care provider or submitting organisation where unavailable.
3. The 'Not recorded' category includes all cases where no value was returned for this data item.
4. The 'Unknown' category includes all cases where a value was returned stating that this data item was unknown.
5. The 'Known' category excludes all cases where the information was reported as not recorded, unknown, and cases where no value has been returned for this data item.

Illegalities of FGM [\(back\)](#)

1. Women and girls may have one or more attendances in the stated period. An attendance will be when a woman or girl with FGM has had treatment for her FGM or given birth to a baby girl, or when FGM has been identified.
2. [Commissioning region](#) is derived from the patient's postcode of usual address, reverting to care provider or submitting organisation where unavailable.
3. The 'Not recorded' category includes all cases where no value was returned for this data item.
4. The 'Unknown' category includes all cases where a value was returned stating that this data item was unknown.
5. The 'Known' category excludes all cases where the information was reported as not recorded, unknown, and cases where no value has been returned for this data item.

Treatment function [\(back\)](#)

1. Women and girls may have one or more attendances in the stated period. An attendance will be when a woman or girl with FGM has had treatment for her FGM, or given birth to a baby girl, or when FGM has been identified.
2. [Commissioning region](#) is derived from the patient's postcode of usual address.
3. Not recorded means that no value has been returned for an individual.
4. In Table 3.1, 'Paediatric Specialties' includes all cases where the recorded treatment function is one of well babies, paediatrics or community paediatrics.

Definitions

FGM Type [\(back\)](#)

The FGM types defined by the [World Health Organisation](#) and used in the FGM Enhanced Dataset are:

- **Type 1:** Partial or total removal of the clitoris and/or the prepuce (clitoridectomy).
- **Type 2:** Partial or total removal of the clitoris and the labia minora, with or without excision of the labia majora (excision).
- **Type 3:** Narrowing of the vaginal orifice with creation of a covering seal by cutting and appositioning the labia minora and/or the labia majora, with or without excision of the clitoris (infibulation).
- **History of Type 3:** Current state where a woman or girl had FGM Type 3, but has since been deinfibulated.
- **Type 3 – Reinfibulation identified:** Current state where a woman or girl has been closed previously, opened and is currently closed again.
- **Type 4:** All other harmful procedures to the female genitalia for non-medical purposes, including pricking, piercing, incising, scraping and cauterisation.
- **Unknown:** When the FGM category could not be ascertained. It is acknowledged that even for experienced healthcare workers who frequently see women and girls with FGM it can still often be difficult to determine the type of FGM that had been undertaken.

Are piercings included?

- **Yes.** While adult women may choose to have genital piercings, in some communities girls are forced to have them. The World Health Organisation currently defines all female genital piercings as a form of FGM. The data item FGM Type 4 Qualifier allows users to specify that the FGM was a piercing. Genital piercings are classed as FGM Type 4 - Piercing.

Treatment function [\(back\)](#)

Common [treatment functions](#) associated with the identification and treatment of FGM include:

- **Midwifery Service:** Health services run by midwives to care for women during pregnancy, childbirth and in the postpartum period following childbirth. Midwives typically oversee low risk pregnancies.
- **Obstetrics:** Medical services run by doctors that specialise in the care of women during pregnancy, childbirth and in the postpartum period following childbirth. Obstetricians typically oversee more risky pregnancies, including surgical interventions.
- **Mental Health Recovery and Rehabilitation Service:** Specialist services that support people with longer term mental health problems, with a focus on rehabilitation and recovery.
- **Gynaecology:** The branch of medicine that specialises in the health and maintenance of the female reproductive systems (vagina, uterus and ovaries) and breasts.

Deinfibulation [\(back\)](#)

- **Infibulation** or **FGM Type 3** is the narrowing of the vaginal orifice with creation of a covering seal by cutting and appositioning the labia minora and/or the labia majora, with or without excision of the clitoris.
- **Deinfibulation** is the surgical procedure to open up the closed vagina of a woman or girl with FGM Type 3. Deinfibulation is often undertaken to facilitate delivery during childbirth.
- **Reinfibulation** is where a woman or girl has been closed previously (infibulated), opened (deinfibulated) and is currently closed again (reinfibulated).

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