

INVITATION TO A MEETING

Female genital mutilation, which is an old tradition, is still practiced in many countries. Today we know that female genital mutilation is harmful to health. This is why the authorities in Norway and in many other countries are trying to end this practice, and to help women and girls with health problems caused by female genital mutilation.

The work against female genital mutilation depends on good dialogue, and cooperation between girls, women, men and parents in the relevant communities, and the health authorities.

As parents of a girl who will be starting school in the autumn, we invite you to participate in the work against female genital mutilation.

We would like to invite you to a meeting with a nurse about female genital mutilation.

Time:

Place:

During the meeting with the nurse, you will receive more information about female genital mutilation, its effect on health, and health care provided, and the gynaecological examination offered.

If you want more information or want to reschedule, please call:

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It is up to you whether you want your daughter to be present during the meeting.

Voluntary gynaecological examination

During the meeting with the nurse, you will be offered a gynaecological examination of your daughter. The examination is voluntary, and will only be performed if you consent. The examination is free of charge.

Please notify the nurse in advance if you want an interpreter to be present. The interpreter has a duty of confidentiality, and does not need to be in the same room as you.

The gynaecological examination will be performed by a doctor at the health centre. An appointment will be made for this examination. It is important

that one of the parents are present. After the examination, the doctor will tell you whether follow-up is necessary, and may help you find it.

You need to talk to the child about what will take place, if you want her to have a medical examination. We hope to see you there!

Enclosures:

- 1) Information about the offer of a meeting and gynaecological examination.
- 2) Consent form for gynaecological examination