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Dear Richard,

**A public challenge concerning Male Genital Mutilation**

I lead the only multi-issue political party in the English-speaking world campaigning for the human rights of men and boys. We plan to relentlessly challenge politicians and other prominent people with respect to men's issues. Recent challenges have included Sajid Javid MP (Business Secretary), Michael Gove MP (Lord Chancellor, Justice Secretary) and Alison Saunders (Director of Public Prosecutions).

At the 2020 general election we intend to field candidates in the 20 most marginal Conservative seats. I shall be standing in Bedford.

Our 80-page-long 2015 general election manifesto<sup>1</sup> detailed 20 areas where the human rights of men and/or boys (including the unborn) are assaulted by the actions and inactions of the state, along with three areas where the human rights of girls (including the unborn) are assaulted. There isn't a single area in which the human rights of women and/or girls *specifically* are assaulted by the state. Not one.

We turn to the issue of genital mutilation, one of the 20 areas covered in our manifesto. Of course it is a good thing that female genital mutilation (FGM) is illegal, yet male genital mutilation (MGM) is still commonly carried out, sometimes on boys just a few days old.

- No legislation exists to permit non-therapeutic genital mutilation of males below the age of 18
- The people who carry out the mutilations don't need to receive any prior training
- The people don't even have to be registered

Please find enclosed an article on MGM by an important British blogger on gender issues, William Collins.<sup>2</sup> He convincingly shows that there are no health or other societal benefits to be gained from MGM, which is the cause of a great deal of physical and mental suffering for boys and men, and sometimes death.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://tinyurl.com/pusyfmt>

<sup>2</sup> <http://mra-uk.co.uk>

Our public challenge of you is as follows, could you please respond in the form of an email to [info@j4mb.org.uk](mailto:info@j4mb.org.uk) by 5pm on 10 July? Thank you.

Do you agree that legislation should be introduced in this electoral term (i.e. before May 2020) to give males under 18 the same legal protection against non-therapeutic genital mutilation, as is currently enjoyed by females?

The fact that MGM below the age of 18 is a cultural or religious requirement or expectation in certain faith traditions in the UK is irrelevant. Such grounds aren't legally admissible for FGM, and quite rightly.

Copies of this letter and the attachment have been published on our website.

Yours sincerely,

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PARTY LEADER