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Dear Ms Longfield,

**Non-therapeutic circumcision of male minors (MGM)**

Thank you for your letter of 9 September. I shall include a link to it, along with links to your correspondence records and this letter, on a new blog piece on our website shortly.

I have become used to the complacency of public bodies in relation to men's and boys' human rights, but your organization's obvious and profound disinterest in relation to MGM is shocking. The earliest document relating to the matter in your correspondence record was dated 2.8.11 – over four years ago. The record shows numerous communications expressing severe concerns about the damage caused by the procedure, ethical considerations, and more, yet in your letter you admit:

‘...we do not hold minutes of any meeting at which the issue of MGM was discussed either by myself or my predecessor.’

So in the space of four years the subject of MGM hasn't been discussed even once in a minuted meeting attended by your predecessor or yourself? This is a stark indicator of your organization's *scandalous* lack of interest in MGM, which adversely affects huge numbers of infants, boys, and in turn men, in the UK. You should all be thoroughly ashamed of yourselves. You go on to say:

‘To date we have not undertaken any research on MGM but we are sympathetic to the issues you have raised...’

The fact your organization hasn't undertaken any research proves that it is manifestly NOT sympathetic. It strains human credulity to take you seriously when you write the following, but I look forward to you proving me wrong:

‘I will be looking at the issues you raise as part of my wider consideration about children suffering harm over the coming months.’

My original letter to you (dated 13.8.15) included the following:

‘MGM breaches at least three Articles of the European Convention on Human Rights (#3, #8, #9) and several Articles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), #2, #14, #19, and possibly #16, #36, #37, #39. The breaches against the latter convention make a mockery of a statement on the home page of your website:

Children’s rights

Every child under the age of 18 has all of the rights in the UNCRC.

Every child unless he’s a male child, evidently.’

I publicly challenge you to withdraw the lie from your website by 5pm Wednesday 16 September. If it’s still there at that time, you’ll win this month’s ‘Lying Feminist of the Month’ award, and find yourself in the company of many infamous feminist liars, some of whom have won the award two or even three times.<sup>1</sup>

I hope you and your colleagues can find the humanity in yourselves to give MGM the attention it merits, and that as a result you will press for the mutilation of male minors’ genitals to be made a criminal offence at the earliest opportunity. We should be happy to direct you to organizations that would provide a great deal of information on the subject. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://j4mb.wordpress.com/lying-woman-of-the-month/>