



**Men Do Complain**<sup>1</sup> is an organisation campaigning against the non-therapeutic circumcision of male minors (Male Genital Mutilation, MGM). MGM is a gross human rights violation, all the more so for being performed on babies, infants, and children. There's a myth that men in general don't mind having been circumcised. Some men don't mind, but many men mind a great deal.

Men who were circumcised as babies, infants or children, have, without their informed consent, lost their foreskins, the part of the penis which contains most of the tissue with the nerve endings that give men pleasure during sex. The historical objective of MGM was to reduce men's libido, and it remains so to this day. Men are shamed into not talking about the physical and mental health problems which often result from the procedure. MGM has no proven compensating benefits for men, or their sexual partners.

Men who complain about having had their foreskins amputated without their informed consent are routinely treated as having something wrong with them, rather than as having had something wrong done to them. Materials we recommend to people wishing to educate themselves about MGM include:

- Ryan McAllister PhD: 'Child Circumcision: an Elephant in the Hospital'<sup>2</sup>
- Tim Hammond: '2012 Global Survey of Circumcision Harm'.<sup>3</sup>
- Brian D Earp, Research Fellow in Ethics, Oxford University: 'MGM and FGM – should there be a separate ethical discourse?'<sup>4</sup>
- William Collins explains the objective of MGM is to diminish men's sexual pleasure.<sup>5</sup>
- A man circumcised at 18 years of age explains the impact of the procedure on him.<sup>6</sup>
- A psychology professor, a circumcised man, condemns MGM.<sup>7</sup>

Female Genital Mutilation – FGM – has been specifically illegal since the passing of the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Act 1985.

**We call on the Conservative party to make MGM specifically illegal, in line with FGM, at the earliest opportunity. We owe it to future generations to end these assaults on children.**

<sup>1</sup> <http://mendocomplain.com>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2wjADZuoqE>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.mendocomplain.com/2015/07/28/2910/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://tinyurl.com/BrianDEarppaper>

<sup>5</sup> <http://mra-uk.co.uk/?p=519>

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nj\\_nYcumC0c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nj_nYcumC0c)

<sup>7</sup> <http://tinyurl.com/ps3odko>