



A prominent barrister stated the following at a UK human rights conference in 2013:

“The default position of the criminal law is that circumcision is a crime, and it requires a parliamentary override to stop it being a crime. There is no such override. The general position of the Common Law is protective of bodily autonomy, and that cannot be trespassed by the state, or by others. The state has the right to enact laws to stop other people from violating those principles. It is the strongest principle of the law that it reserves its strongest penalties for breaches of bodily integrity.”

**Justice for Men & Boys (and the women who love them)**<sup>1</sup> – J4MB – is a political party, launched in 2013. It remains the only political party in the English-speaking world campaigning for the human rights of men and boys, on many fronts. We’ve made over 100 appearances on mainstream radio and television programmes since the party’s launch, all of which are on our YouTube channel.<sup>2</sup>

One of our leading campaigns is the end of non-therapeutic circumcision of male minors – Male Genital Mutilation, ‘MGM’. The amputation of the foreskin, which is extremely rich in nerve endings, inevitably reduces the sexual pleasure of men. MGM has been a crime since at least the passing of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 – 155 years ago. Female Genital Mutilation – ‘FGM’ – has been specifically illegal since the passing of the Prohibition of Female Circumcision Act 1985 – 31 years ago.

MGM was covered in our 2015 general election manifesto.<sup>3</sup> It blights millions of new lives around the world every year. Only 5% of British men are Jewish or Muslim, but 18% of British men are circumcised. The vast majority were subjected to this unnecessary body modification without giving their informed consent, because they were under 18 at the time.

Last year we publicly challenged Theresa May MP, Home Secretary at the time – with responsibility for the police – and Alison Saunders, Director of Public Prosecutions, asking why the police and the Crown Prosecution Service were not bringing charges against those performing the crime of MGM. Both declined to explain. Our Vimeo channel has a section of pieces concerning MGM.<sup>4</sup>

We have a strategy of always challenging the party in power, because only that party can end the state’s assaults on the human rights of men and boys. We shall be fielding candidates in a number of Conservative seats at the 2020 general election, and we have income streams in place to fund their deposits. As we outlined in our 2015 election manifesto, the state assaults the human rights of men and boys in at least 20 areas, through its actions and inactions. The areas include:

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| Fatherlessness                              | Domestic violence       |
| Denial of access to children                | Healthcare provision    |
| Education                                   | Suicide                 |
| Employment                                  | Criminal justice system |
| Armed Forces veterans’ mental health issues | Paternity fraud         |

**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://j4mb.org.uk>

<sup>2</sup> <http://tinyurl.com/J4MBYouTube>

<sup>3</sup> <http://tinyurl.com/J4MB2015manifesto> (pp. 9,10)

<sup>4</sup> <https://vimeo.com/album/3771718>