



Performing the non-therapeutic circumcision of male minors (Male Genital Mutilation, MGM) has been a criminal offence since at least the passing of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861, because it's at least Actual Bodily Harm, and almost certainly Grievous Bodily Harm, under that Act. **The law of the land does not allow for exemptions on religious and/or cultural grounds.**

Male Genital Mutilation is performed for religious and/or cultural reasons. **We refer readers of this leaflet to the Jewish case against circumcision,¹ and the Muslim case.²**

The amputation of the foreskin, which is extremely rich in nerve endings, inevitably reduces the sexual pleasure of men. There's a myth that men don't mind being circumcised. Some men don't mind, but many men mind a great deal. 18% of British men are circumcised. **Justice for Men & Boys**, our political party, has protested against MGM outside the country's leading private circumcision clinic in Luton, and in Golders Green. We protested against the failure of the police / CPS to bring prosecutions, in Parliament Square, and at the offices of the Home Office and the Crown Prosecution Service.

Men circumcised as minors – by legal definition, without their informed consent – are shamed into not talking about the physical and often psychological problems that have resulted. MGM has no proven medical benefits. Soap and water are all that is required for hygiene purposes. Men who complain about having been circumcised are treated as having something wrong **with** them, rather than being treated as having had something wrong done **to** them. We recommend the following materials, there are also 70+ audio and video pieces on our MGM playlist on our YouTube channel:³

- Eric Clopper, a young American Jewish academic fired by Harvard University for publishing a video about MGM on YouTube – *Sex & Circumcision: an American Love Story*.⁴
- 2012 *Global Survey of Infant Circumcision Harm* (video).⁵ A presentation by Tim Hammond at the second International Conference on Men's Issues, ExCeL London, July 2016.⁶
- William Collins's article, which explores many issues concerning MGM, and explains its prime purpose has long been known to be the diminishment of men's sexual pleasure.⁷
- *American Circumcision*, an award-winning documentary being released in late 2018.⁸

We call on the Conservative government 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.

¹ <http://tinyurl.com/JAC2017>

² <http://tinyurl.com/QP2017>

³ <https://tinyurl.com/MGMplaylist>

⁴ <https://tinyurl.com/EricClopper>

⁵ <https://tinyurl.com/TimHammond>

⁶ <http://icmi16.wordpress.com>

⁷ <http://mra-uk.co.uk/?p=519>

⁸ <https://tinyurl.com/AmericanCircumcision>