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Bernard Hogan-Howe  
Commissioner  
Metropolitan Police Service  
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Dear Commissioner,

**Female genital mutilation**

It has been brought to my attention from a Freedom of Information request that there has been no correspondence (emails, letters or faxes) about enforcing laws against female genital mutilation (FGM) within the senior management team in the Child Abuse Investigation Command (SCD5) in the last year.


It has been reported to me that 38 people came forward to complain about FGM to Project Azure in 2008; 59 people in 2009; 41 people in 2010; 23 in 2011 and so far this year 5 individuals have come forward. However, it is my understanding that to date there has not been even one prosecution in the UK. I am concerned about how the Met is dealing with the reports of FGM it receives and if these reports are being acted upon. Please could you help me understand why there has not been a single prosecution in the UK for FGM?

It's also my understanding that Daughters of Eve made a film with the Metropolitan Police Service called "Cuts and wounds never heal" where young people who had made the film had told the police they had been victims of FGM and yet nothing was done.

Please could you let me know how many officers from Project Azure have been moved from the team to cover as part of the Olympics? Please could you also let me know the rank and experience of the officers within Project Azure? Please could you also let me know what the budget is for Project Azure and the number of officers that are part of this unit?

Finally, please could you also let me know the number of people who have come forward to complain about FGM to the Met since Project Azure was set up?

I look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenny Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jenny Jones  
Green Party Member of the London Assembly