

## Action not Political correctness needed as new Welsh FGM figures revealed



Political correctness or plain incompetence to deal with the problem is leading to a shocking number of girls suffering genital mutilation in Wales, says one of the country's assembly members. The charge comes as new figures show a new case of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is discovered by maternity staff in Wales every week. The figures have been branded 'the tip of the iceberg' by the charity Welsh Women's Aid, who estimate that 2,000 women in Wales are living with FGM and many more are at risk of suffer the abuse. Although the practice of carrying out FGM has been illegal since 1985, to date there has not been a single prosecution for carrying out the procedure in Wales.

Michelle Brown, UKIP's Assembly member for North Wales, has previously spoken in the Senedd out about the need for a better strategy for eradicating FGM, she said: "Since my election a year ago, I have raised concerns about the lack of action against this disgusting crime on numerous occasions.