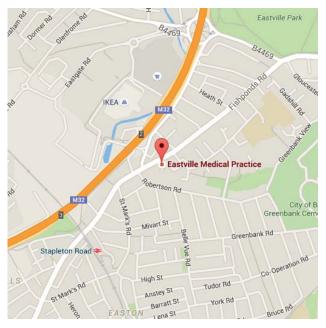
### How to find us:

Eastville Medical Practice East Trees Health Centre 100a Fishponds Road Eastville Bristol BS5 6SA

Phone: 07813 016 911

Email: bristolrose.clinic@nhs.net



#### **Buses:**

Fishponds Road — 13, 24, 48, 49 and 506. For bus timetables visit: http://goo.gl/OKBKwd

#### **Trains:**

Stapleton Road train station is a short walk from Eastville Medical Practice. For train timetables visit: www.thetrainline.com/stations /stapleton-road





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# Bristol Community Rose Clinic



## **Bristol Community Rose Clinic**

The Bristol Community Rose Clinic provides care and support for women who are experiencing problems as a result of female genital mutilation (FGM).

The clinic provides an environment where women are invited to discuss their health needs in a sensitive and non-judgmental environment.

This specialist service is staffed by an all female team, who understand the sensitivity and complexity of issues relating to FGM.

Translation is available by request and is confidential and private.



#### **FGM**

Female genital mutilation (FGM), also known as female circumcision or female genital cutting, is defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as:

"All procedures involving partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons."

Health issues caused by FGM include problems with urination, sexual intercourse and increased risk of urinary and vaginal infections.

# How we can help?

Whilst removal of female genital parts is irreversible, in women who have had 'stitching' as part of FGM, it is possible to carry out 'opening' surgery and this can give relief to some of the health issues caused by FGM.

We offer this service to all women affected by FGM, whether they require opening before marriage, or for medical reasons. We are able to offer 'opening' surgery at Eastville Medical Practice in the Bristol Community Rose Clinic. At your first appointment, we will discuss your needs and what options are available for you.

For some patients, we can offer surgery at the practice under local anaesthetic i.e. awake, or we can recommend referral for the procedure to be done under general anaesthetic at the local hospital.

We are always happy to see patients who are unsure as to whether they want to be treated but would like to learn more about what the procedure entails.

We are able to offer this service to all women over the age of 18 who are registered with a Bristol GP. Patients do not need to be referred by their GP and can arrange to be seen at the clinic by contacting us through the details below.

## For further information

Please feel free to contact the clinic directly at Eastville Medical Practice by calling 07813 016 911 or emailing bristolrose.clinic@nhs.net. You can also talk to your GP regarding a referral.

You can watch a first-hand account of someone's experience of the clinic by visiting: www.youtube.com/bristolccg.

These are some useful websites which also offer more information: www.bava.org.uk www.forwarduk.org.uk/key-issues/fgm.