

# Male Circumcision



Male circumcision is the surgical removal of the foreskin, which is the hood of skin covering the end of the penis. It is common practice in the Jewish and Islamic faiths and as a tradition in other communities. It can also be carried out for medical purposes.

As with all operations, it is important that circumcision is performed by qualified professionals in every instance. Where a few cases of male circumcision are conducted without proper assessment of the health needs of those receiving the service, often in non-hygienic circumstances, this can cause complications and undue distress to both the child and the family.

While Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk CCGs do not offer

male circumcision services for non-medical purposes, it advises people to seek appropriate qualified medical professionals if this service is required.

The Thornhill Clinic in Luton, established in 1992, has carried out 50,000 circumcisions to date and is registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and the National Health Standards Agency. Thornhill offers three services: Prime, Priority and Ceremonial (weekends only) and offers optional consultation at £25.

**To book an appointment:**

Call 01582 561999,  
Freephone 0800 080 7037 or visit  
[www.circumcisioncentre.co.uk](http://www.circumcisioncentre.co.uk)

Please ask your GP for further advice and information about male circumcision.

The NHS does not condone or support any practice that is undertaken outside safeguarding guidelines. Practices that are undertaken without proper hygiene considerations, without clear medical consideration and without aftercare should be avoided and could lead to infection or serious complications.

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