

## Britain gives reverse female circumcisions

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LONDON -- Britain's National Health Service says it is offering reverse female circumcision services for women mutilated by circumcision procedures.

The Times of London reported Monday that NHS officials will advertise the free medical procedures next month to enable women whose genitals were mutilated by circumcision procedures to receive medical attention.

The advertisement is scheduled to air in both English and Somali on a Somali satellite TV station that is popular in Britain.

A Foundation for Women's Health, Research and Development study found that more than 7,000 girls in Britain once faced a high risk of genital mutilation as a result of circumcision procedures.

Such procedures range from the removal of all external vagina parts to the removal of a woman's clitoris, The Times said.

The newspaper said the NHS advertisement is intended to both promote the reversal procedures and oppose the religious or cultural call for female circumcisions.

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