

Poppets Pre-School  
Safeguarding Policy Update

*Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)*

FGM 'includes all procedures which involve partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons whether for cultural or other non-therapeutic reasons' (WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, 1997)

FGM constitutes child abuse and causes physical, psychological and sexual harm which can be severely disabling. In the case of suspected FGM providers must not contact parents before speaking to SPA (Kingston Social Services).

Signs that might suggest FGM:

- A child may talk about a special procedure or ceremony that is going to take place.
- Prolonged absence from the pre-school.
- Change in behaviour on return.
- Damage to the area and/or adjacent tissues.
- Pain or difficulty in sitting.
- Bleeding or infection.
- Urine retention.
- Fracture or dislocation as a result of restraint.
- Psychological damage, including depression, anxiety and sexual dysfunction.

In a suspected case of FGM Poppets Pre-school's Safeguarding Policy will be adhered to.

This policy was adopted on: .....

Signed on behalf of the Pre-School: ..... (Owner)

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