

St Mary's Playgroup

Female Genital Mutilation policy

□ Female genital mutilation policy act 2003

Female Genital Mutilation is a form of child abuse and is illegal under the above act.

It is illegal to carry out FGM in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Except under prescribed circumstances.

It is illegal to aid a girl to perform FGM on herself or allow or aid a person not from the United Kingdom to perform FGM outside the UK who is a permanent UK resident or UK national.

Should a member of staff become aware that a girl may have had a procedure, or is in danger of having a procedure either in the UK or taken abroad for this purpose, this would be dealt with as laid out in our safe guarding policy.

If you have any concerns about FGM there is a helpline run by the NSPCC. The details for accessing it are as follows:

Telephone: 0800 028 3550

Email: fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk

Visit [nspcc.org.uk/fgm](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fgm)

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