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Procedure in the event of an outbreak of lice in the preschool.

Purpose of the procedure.

The purpose of the procedure is to prevent and eradicate lice in children.

Definition of the subject of the procedure

Head lice are a species of insect of small size that feed on blood sucked from the body of the host, which is a human being. Lice are transmitted by contact with the head of the host or via combs, brushes and headgear.

Head lice - a disease caused by the parasitic presence of lice on the hairy human scalp.

Symptoms - head lice

- itching of the scalp
- blisters and urticarial papules
- enlarged surrounding lymph nodes
- sores and scabs on the scalp
- purulent pustules (secondary infection)
- visible nits (lice eggs) behind the ears and on the nape of the neck (resembles dandruff but is difficult to remove, stuck on)
- parasites visible to the naked eye.

Who is affected by the procedure?

The principal, teachers, and parents are required to follow the procedure.

Duties, responsibilities, authorisations of persons carrying out the tasks of the procedure.

1. Preschool Director

- 1.1 Shall ensure conditions for a safe and hygienic stay of children in the pre-school.
- 1.2. Conducts systematic and coordinated preventive activities (talks, information materials, announcements, recommended inspections),
- 1.3. Cooperates with parents in carrying out preventive measures,
- 1.4. Notifies parents of the date of the planned hygiene inspection,
- 1.5. Authorises a person to carry out checks on the cleanliness of children's heads,
- 1.6. Informs parents of lice found in the group,
- 1.7. Notifies social assistance in the event of persistent evasion of health and hygiene measures by parents,
- 1.8. Provides the necessary assistance to parents who report difficulties in carrying out the treatment, in conjunction with the social welfare centre.

2. Teachers

- 2.1 carry out prevention activities - talks, information materials,
- 2.2 cooperate with parents by carrying out preventive actions,
- 2.3 they notify the headmaster of the results of the inspection of the cleanliness of the children's heads,
- 2.4 in the case of detection of head lice in a child, they notify parents of the necessity to undertake immediate hygienic measures of the scalp,
- 2.5 instruct parents on how to act,
- 2.6 monitor the effectiveness of the parents' actions
- 2.7 notify the director if parents object to the information about the child's hygiene control or if they do not take the necessary hygiene measures.

3 Parents:

- 3.1 cooperate with the preschool in preventive measures,
- 3.2 take care of their children's hair and skin hygiene,
- 3.3 inform the teacher of any case of lice in the children,

3.4 carry out the necessary hygienic measures in the event of a child's lice found during the inspection,

3.5 report difficulties in carrying out the treatment to the teacher or director.

Description of activities:

1. At the first meeting with parents at the beginning of the school year, the principal or teachers conducting the meeting with parents familiarise all parents with the procedure for prevention and control of head lice.
2. Teachers at group meetings give talks on cleanliness and hygiene of the scalp and hair.
3. In the event that a parent or employee of the preschool reports a case of head lice, a person authorised by the Director (nurse) shall immediately carry out an inspection.
4. Inspection shall take place observing the principle of privacy, i.e. it shall be individual, in a separate room (e.g. teaching room or bathroom) or in a separate part of the room.
5. The inspection is carried out by a person authorised by the Director (nurse) or a person designated by the Director.
6. The inspecting person shall immediately report the results of the cleanliness inspection and the extent of the phenomenon to the Director.
7. In the case of detection of lice, the Director of the preschool obliges the teachers to immediately inform the parents of a given group of the fact, with the recommendation to check the cleanliness of children's heads and the cleanliness of heads of household members on a daily basis, as well as provide information on the method of control measures.
8. The teacher authorised by the principal shall immediately notify the parents of children found to have head lice of the need to take immediate scalp hygiene measures.
9. If necessary, the teacher instructs the parents on the course of action and informs them that all household members must undergo treatment.
10. During treatment, the child must stay at home to prevent the transmission of lice to other children attending the preschool. The child returns to the preschool at the end of treatment, with a clean head.
11. If parents report difficulties in carrying out the treatment (e.g. due to lack of funds to purchase the preparation), the preschool director, in cooperation with the social welfare centre, provides the parents with the necessary assistance.
12. If the parents do not take the necessary immediate hygienic measures, the teacher shall notify the preschool director.
13. If the parents' recommended actions are found to be ineffective, the teacher shall notify the preschool director.
14. If the parents object to the information on hygiene control or do not take the necessary hygiene measures or their actions are ineffective, the head teacher conducts an explanatory interview, and if this does not bring a solution takes more radical steps, i.e. notifies the social welfare centre of the need to intensify the supervision of the implementation of the care functions by the parents (this will be treated as persistent evasion of actions by the parents to protect the child's health and care for it).