

FACS021 – Crèche – Head Lice Policy

1. POLICY CERTIFICATION

Policy title:	Crèche – Head Lice Policy
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2. POLICY PORPOSE

The Roper Gulf Regional Council has a duty to ensure the health and wellbeing of all children, parents and Childcare Educators enrolled at the crèche operated under Roper Gulf Regional Council. This policy minimises the risk of the spread of head lice by outlining the safe working practises the Childcare Educators shall take.

4. ORGANISATIONAL SCOPE

This policy applies to Crèches run under Roper Gulf Regional Council.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

The Crèche will take every precaution to minimise the spread of head lice, whilst ensuring children are not discriminated against, or unnecessarily excluded. The Crèche will work with the parents/guardians to manage outbreaks.

5. DEFINITIONS

Crèche	is a day care centre where child care educator will take care of children in place of their parents
RGRC	Roper Gulf Regional Council

6. PRINCIPLES

Evidence shows that we cannot eradicate head lice but we can reduce the number of cases if Childcare Educators and parents work together in a coordinated manner. The crèche will follow following steps to minimise the head lice problem:

- Childcare Educators will examine the heads of children who scratch their heads a lot to look for eggs (nits) or lice near the scalp,
- If an incident of head lice occurs at the Crèche, a notice will be displayed on the notice board to advise parents to check their children.
- Child care Educators will explain to parents how to check hair effectively using hair conditioner and a comb.
- Staff and children with long hair will be required to wear their hair tied up whilst they are at the Crèche.

