

Finnish Child Welfare Act, Chapter 5, §25

Targeted professionals: Social and health care services, education services, youth services, police, criminal sanction agency, fire and rescue services, social welfare and health care providers, education and training provider, parish or religious community, reception centre, group family homes, child morning and evening activity providers.

Professional Secrecy Provisions

Conditions for disclosing information

If authorities face a suspicion of someone being at the risk of FGM, they have to take action, because FGM is considered an aggravated assault and against the physical freedom of children.

Right or duty to report

Duty to notify: authorities are obliged to make a notification to the child welfare.

Existence of disciplinary sanctions in case of non-reporting

Yes

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