

Safeguarding Matters at Trinity

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Through these newsletters we aim to keep you up to date with the latest information in safeguarding and child protection.
Together, we can help your family stay safe.

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We want to share with you worrying information about “alternative cures” that are being offered in the local area. The school nursing team and family support team are always available to talk to if you have any questions around procedures or cures that you may hear of.

Met investigates 'stem-cell autism cure' claim

The Met Police has launched an investigation over concerns about stem-cell injections being offered to children as a cure for autism.

The Royal Borough of Greenwich told BBC London it was aware of concerns surrounding "experimental procedures" on autistic children.

The Met said it was investigating "a reported fraud relating to the provision of medical services".

A spokesperson said the authority had recently been made aware of concerns that "an individual claiming to be a doctor plans to visit the UK to offer dangerous, experimental procedures on children with autism".

"We understand that this person is proposing the transfer of bone marrow and spinal fluid to the brain by injection," the spokesperson said.

"This unlicensed procedure poses a significant threat to life and there is no evidence of any benefits."

The risks behind the hype of stem-cell treatments

Greenwich Council has urged families not to engage with the medical service and to inform the authority if approached by someone offering it.

Newham Council also issued a warning to health leaders and children's services on 5th April regarding its concern about a "potential threat to children".

'Very significant risks'

Prof Declan Murphy, a leading figure in autism research at King's College London, told the BBC any stem-cell injection "should not be offered" as a cure for autism.

"There is no good evidence that stem-cell treatments are effective for autism," he said.

"Indeed, the current evidence shows the opposite - it shows that they are ineffective and come with very significant risks."

A spokesperson for National Autistic Society called the investigation "extremely worrying".

"There is very little evidence about stem cells and autism. There are also concerns about the regulation of stem-cell procedures, which could be painful or even hazardous depending on how they are administered."

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