

SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW

Of the Death of a Child in the Care of the Ministry

A. INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Children and Family Development (the Ministry) conducted the File Review (FR) to examine practice in the case of the subject child (the child).

For the purpose of the FR, Ministry records and BC Coroners Service documents were reviewed. The FR focused on a specific period of Ministry involvement prior to the death of the child.

B. TERM OF REFERENCE

1. Were the Ministry's guardianship responsibilities carried out with regard to a collaborative Care Plan (specific to a special need) with the parent, caregivers, and community partners?

C. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The Ministry had longstanding involvement with the parent and child due to the child's special needs. The child was in care at the time of death as the parent was unable to meet these needs. Intense service provision was in place to meet the child's needs, and the parent was engaged with the Ministry and service providers. The child was not Aboriginal.

D. FINDINGS

1. The Ministry's guardianship responsibilities were carried out through the development and implementation of a collaborative plan of care that addressed the child's specific need. Ministry practice and policy did not contribute to the child's death.

E. ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE

Not applicable.

F. ACTION PLAN

An Action Plan was not required.

This review was completed in July 2016.