

SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW

Of the Critical Injury of a Child in the Care of the Director

Circumstances of the Critical Injury

This review examined the case files of an Indigenous child who was critically injured while in the care of the director. The director was providing services to the child and their family at the time of the critical injury in relation to concerns of neglect.

Findings

The ministry placed the child with an extended family member and followed most of the steps required to assess the placement; however, the ministry did not review some historical information that could have affected the safety of the child. Further analysis of the caregiver's ministry and police history could have provided a more suitable caregiver.

This placement met the child's need for cultural and family connections. The ministry collaborated with the Delegated Aboriginal Agency in the care provider's community to support the placement.

Actions

The involved Service Delivery Area leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan to discuss with the involved staff the importance of conducting Detailed Record Reviews with proposed caregivers, and how this information can be used to assess, and potentially mitigate, identified risks.

The review was completed in July 2019. The above action plan was due for full implementation in September 2019.