

SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW

Of the Critical Injury of a Youth in the Care of the Director in 2020

Circumstances of the Critical Injury

The review examined the case files of a youth who was critically injured. The director was providing guardianship services at the time of the critical injury.

Findings

The ministry did not consistently assess and plan for the youth's safety and well-being. The social worker attempted to address concerns for the youth by speaking with them and arranging a meeting with a community organization to provide support. During the period under review, there was no information in case records of planning occurring to address the youth's permanency and transition from care into the community.

Prior to the case review being finalized, the involved staff reviewed a Practice Directive related to clinical consultations with high risk child protection cases.

Actions

The involved Service Delivery Area leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan for the involved team to review the document "Best Practice Approaches: Child Protection and Violence Against Women" and the resource team to review pathways to explore when having difficulties finding a placement for youth.

The review was completed in April 2021. The above action plan is due for full implementation in July 2021.