

SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW

Of a Critical Injury of a Child Known to the Director in 2019

Circumstances of the Critical Injury

The review examined the case files of a child who was critically injured as a result of an accident in the family home. The director was providing services to the child and their family at the time of the death in relation to neglect.

Findings

The director assessed several reports related to a specific parenting issue; however, some of the reports were not thoroughly addressed and the director focused primarily on one parent to mitigate the concerns. The other parent did not engage in safety planning and there was a lack of engagement in services with regard to both parents. When the director received feedback from service providers with concerns about the parent's lack of follow through, the risk to the child was not re-assessed.

Actions

The involved Service Delivery Area leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan to meet with the involved staff and review the use of *Safety Plans*, as well as discuss how to assess parental problematic substance use.

The review was completed in March 2020. The above action plan is due for full implementation in October 2020.