

SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW

Of a Critical Injury of a Youth Known to the Ministry

A. INTRODUCTION

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

For the purpose of the FR, ministry records, policies, standards, guidelines, and legislation were reviewed. The FR focused on the period of ministry involvement prior to the critical injury of the youth.

B. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Was the assessment of the youth's safety and well-being consistent with relevant policy and legislation?
2. Was a service plan developed, implemented, and monitored to address the youth's safety and well-being, in accordance with relevant policy and legislation?

C. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The ministry has had intermittent involvement with the child's family due to parent teen conflict, high-risk behavior and youth mental health concerns. The youth is not Aboriginal.

D. FINDINGS

1. The assessment of the youth's safety and well-being was consistent with some, but not all, relevant policies and legislation. Aspects of the required assessment were not initially completed, specifically engagement of the youth's family members.
2. A service plan was not implemented as per policy. A *Family Plan* would have outlined identified goals and could have assisted all family members to understand the goals of service, and provided a mechanism for assessing and monitoring progress.

E. ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE

1. The youth's safety and well-being was assessed as per policy following the critical injury. The thorough assessment found the youth to be safe.

F. ACTION PLAN

1. Relevant policy relating to screening and assessing child protection reports is reviewed with relevant local service area staff.

The review was completed in March 2017. The above action plan was due for full implementation by March 31, 2017.