

SUMMARY: COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW Of a Critical Injury of Children Known to the Ministry

A. INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Children and Family Development (the ministry) conducted the Comprehensive Review (CR) to examine case practice regarding the subject children (the children).

For the purpose of the CR, ministry records were reviewed, as well as information obtained through interviews with the involved ministry staff. The CR focused on a specific period of ministry involvement prior to the children's critical injury.

B. TERM OF REFERENCE

1. Did the ministry adequately monitor the children's safety and well-being, and adjust planning when necessary, while they were in their parent's care?

C. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The ministry had previous involvement with the family for an extended period due to concern regarding parenting capacity; during much of this time, the children were in the care of the director. Their parent reluctantly participated in services. At the time of the incident, the children were in the care of their parent and ministry involvement had ended. The family was not Indigenous.

D. FINDINGS

1. The ministry adequately monitored the children's safety and well-being while in their parent's care, and adjusted planning accordingly when presented with new information. Following the children's critical injury, the ministry learned that a community service provider had information relevant to their safety and well-being, which they did not report to the ministry.

E. ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE

Not applicable.

F. ACTION PLAN

1. An informational letter is sent to inform staff of all licensed daycares throughout the province of their 'duty to report a need for protection' under section 14 of the *Child, Family and Community Service Act*. The letter is sent from the Office of the Provincial Director of Child Welfare.

The review was completed in September 2017. The above action plan was due for full implementation in January 2018.