

SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW Of the Death 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 the case practice and services provided to the subject youth (the youth) of the FR.

For the purposes of the FR, ministry records were reviewed. The focus of the FR was the period of ministry involvement prior to the death of the youth.

B. TERM OF REFERENCE

1. Did the ministry adequately assess, and plan, to ensure the youth's safety; especially with regard to a high-risk issue?

C. BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The ministry had no previous involvement with this family; there were no prior services provided to the youth or the family. The youth, who was not Indigenous, was not in care at the time of death.

D. FINDINGS

The ministry partially assessed and planned for the youth's safety. Information from the youth's initial meeting and request for service was appropriately determined to require a Family Development Response (FDR); however, the required ongoing assessment and planning were not completed, nor were any further steps of the FDR, as prescribed by policy. The file was treated as a youth services request; the youth was left with the task of contacting the ministry for further service, and was put at increased risk since no services were provided for support.

E. ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE

1. N/A

F. ACTION PLAN

1. Provide a comprehensive review of the FDR practice cycle, including a comparison to the Youth Service cycle, with the involved ministry staff and Director of Operations.

The review was completed in May 2018. The above action plan is due for full implementation on July 13, 2018.