

SUMMARY: COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW Of a Critical Injury of a Child Known to the Director

Circumstances of the Critical Injury

The review included an examination of case files and a discussion with involved staff for a child who was critically injured while in the care of their parent. The director was providing services to the child and their family at the time of the critical injury in relation to concerns of neglect.

Findings

The ministry assessed and planned for the child's safety and well-being through ongoing collaboration with the parent, other service providers, extended family members, and the use of assessment tools. There was a period when the assessments into the child's safety were not as thorough because some of the involved supports did not consistently inform the assessment.

There were several safety factors present to mitigate the presenting concerns. For example, the child and their parent resided with extended family as part of the planning. In addition, the ministry met with the parent prior to the critical injury to discuss some of the concerns and mitigate the risks.

Prior to the case review being finalized, the involved staff reviewed assessment tools, including how to use the descriptors in the guidelines to assess circumstances for the child and inform planning. A discussion regarding the challenges of collaborating with a service provider also occurred.

Actions

No action plan was required to address the findings.

The review was completed in August 2019.