

SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW

Of the Death of Children Known to the Director in 2017

Circumstances of the Fatality

The review examined the case files of children who died while in their parent's care. The director was providing services to the children and their family at the time of the death in relation to abuse and neglect.

Findings

The director had previous involvement with the family that was limited to reports of abuse that were not substantiated. The parents were cooperative with intervention, which included extensive safety plans, and the protection concerns were alleviated. The parents accessed services in relation to parenting programs and counselling to work on co-parenting and communication skills. Some months later, a new report was received and accurately assessed as requiring a response within five days; however, three days later, and prior to the director responding, the children died.

Actions

No actions were required to address the findings of the review.

The review was completed in December 2019.