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SUMMARY: FILE REVIEW Of the Critical Injury of a Youth in the Care of the Director in 2020

Circumstances of the Critical Injury

The review examined the ministry services provided to an Indigenous youth who was critically injured. The youth was receiving guardianship services at the time of their critical injury.

Findings

The director worked to address the youth's needs, with a specific focus on their health and transition to adulthood. The director balanced the youth's desire for independence and connection with their family, with helping them achieve the skills necessary for their transition to adulthood. The Care Plan was missing information about the youth's culture and connection to their community.

Prior to the case review being finalized, the involved staff reviewed best practices for planning with Indigenous children and youth. Additionally, a practitioner engaged the youth in discussions about their cultural identity.

Actions

The involved Service Delivery Area leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan for the involved team leaders to review each Care Plan and confirm the section for Cultural Identity and Plan for Identity are well informed and documented. Additionally, the involved staff would review the Care Plan Practice Guide and the supplemental document Positive Racial Identity Development and Needs of Aboriginal Children.

The review was completed in July 2021. The above action plan was due for full implementation in October 2021.