

Summary: Child and Family Practice Review of the Death & Critical Injuries of Children Known to the Director in 2021

Circumstances of the Fatality and Critical Injuries

The review examined the services provided to an Indigenous child who died, and their siblings who were critically injured. The children, and their family, received services at the time of the death and critical injuries.

Findings

Preceding the death and critical injuries, child protection reports were received that were not fully assessed and responded to. During the period under review, the children were not seen or interviewed. Additionally, there was no consultation regarding an increased response.

Prior to the review being finalised, teams were amalgamated, and a leadership position was re-instated.

Actions

The involved Service Delivery Area leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan for the review to be shared with staff to promote learning related to regular supervision, assessment, and documentation. A review of specific policies related to issues identified in the review will occur.

The review was completed in March 2023. The above action plan is due for full implementation in July 2023.