

## **Summary: Child and Family Practice Review of the Death & Critical Injuries of Children Known to the Director in 2023**

### Circumstances of the Fatality and Critical Injuries

The review examined the services provided to a child who died and their siblings who were critically injured due to emotional harm as a result of the death. The children and their family received services at the time of the death and critical injuries.

### Findings

The director responded to reports, addressed the immediate safety of the children, and promptly transferred service provision as needed. Referrals were completed for some of the identified concerns. The child protection reports were not fully assessed, and certain concerns were unaddressed. Information from relevant individuals was not sought. When service provision transferred, some concerns were not accurately communicated. The family and the home were not seen for periods of time during the review.

Prior to the review being finalized, new policy was implemented and reviewed with ministry leadership and team leaders, and staff received training related to a specific identified issue.

### Actions

The involved Service Delivery Area leadership and the Quality Assurance team developed an action plan to provide further training related to a specific issue for all staff. The involved staff will attend training and review relevant policy and guidelines related to assessments. Child protection team leaders and acting team leaders will review the professional supervision policy.

**The review was completed in March 2024. The above action plan is due for full implementation in November 2024.**