



KINGSTON POLICE SERVICE BOARD

Child Abuse and Neglect Policy (LE-020)

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Care Management and Approved
Software Requirements, 2019.
O. Reg. 87/24: Training, 2019.

1. Policy Statement

The Kingston Police Service Board (the Board) is committed to protecting children from abuse and neglect and supporting coordinated responses that safeguard their safety, well-being, and dignity. It is the policy of this Board to establish and maintain comprehensive procedures for the investigation of child abuse and neglect that are consistent with applicable provincial legislation and support collaboration with community partners.

2. Board Policy

It is the policy of the Kingston Police Service Board with respect to child abuse and neglect investigations that the Chief of Police will:

- a) In partnership with the local Crown, Family and Child Services of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, school boards and other appropriate service providers, including hospital staff, work to establish a committee to develop a local strategy to prevent, and respond to complaints of, child abuse and neglect;
- b) Develop and maintain written procedures on and processes for undertaking and managing child abuse and neglect investigations, ensuring that procedures include a

clear delineation of duties and responsibilities for all Members who come into contact with victims of child abuse and neglect;

- c) Enter into a child abuse protocol with Family and Child Services of Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington with respect to investigations into complaints of child abuse and neglect, and the sudden unexpected death of any child;
- d) If the alleged child abuse fits the definition of a major case, require officers to comply with *Ontario Regulation 394/23 - Major Case Management and Approved Software Requirements*;
- e) Ensure that the investigators have received the prescribed training as outlined in section 34 of the *Ontario Regulation 87/24 - Training* or have the competence and experience to conduct the investigation; and
- f) Report annually on the number of child abuse investigations, Children's Aid Society Referrals, the effectiveness of existing protocols, community partnerships, training and education.

Chair

Board Administrator

