



OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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It is the policy of the Owen Sound Police Services Board with respect to child abuse and neglect investigations that the Chief of Police will:

- a) In partnership with the local Crown, Bruce Grey Child, and Family Services (BGCFS), municipalities, 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 procedures on and processes for undertaking and managing child abuse and neglect investigations;
- c) Enter into a child abuse protocol with BGCFS with respect to investigations into complaints of child abuse and neglect, and the sudden unexpected death of any child; and
- d) If the alleged child abuse fits the definition of a major case, require officers to comply with the procedures set out in the Ministry's designated *Ontario Major Case Management Manual*.

Chair

Date