



OWEN SOUND POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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It is the policy of the Owen Sound Police Service 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 written 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 *Ontario Regulation 394/23 - Major Case Management and Approved Software Requirements*; and
- 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.

Chair

December 18th, 2024
Date

Board Secretary

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