



STRATFORD POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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LE-027SPSB Child Abuse and Neglect

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

- a) In partnership with the local Crown, Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society, 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 Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society 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*; 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.

"Steve Cousins"
Chair

Approved January 15, 2025
Date