

OC INVESTIGATION

OC 120 CHILD EXPLOITATION

POLICY:

Children involved in the sex trade are being sexually exploited and are victims of child abuse. Exploited children shall be protected and supported to ensure their safety.

STANDARD(S):

Procedures will be developed with respect to child abuse, including:

- co-ordinating the areas of responsibility overseen by the Department of Justice, Police Service, Department of Community Resources and Employment, and other health and community services;
- handling child abuse complaints co-operatively to ensure that the victim, the family and the offender are afforded the benefit of all the care and treatment available;
- training call-takers and dispatchers in appropriate response to child abuse complaints;
- involving the Department of Public Prosecutions as early as possible in the investigation to provide advice as to appropriate legal procedures; and
- ensuring that protection and support are provided to the exploited children as necessary.

AUTHORITIES:

The Department of Community Resources and Employment

The Child and Family Services Act

Provincial Child Abuse Protocol

Regional Child Abuse Protocols

Public Prosecution Policy Directive on Child Prostitution

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