

LONDON POLICE SERVICES BOARD POLICY

LPSB Policy: 030

Title: Child Abuse and Neglect

Procedure: Part 3 Chapter M

Approved: May 25, 2000

1. Policy:

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

- a) in partnership with the local Crown, Children's Aid Societies, 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 their local Children's Aid Societies 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*.

2. Reference(s):

- a) Adequacy Standards Guideline: **LE - 027**