

For Immediate Release:

The provincial Child and Youth Advocate, Darlene Neville, announced today, pursuant to Section 15 (1) (a) of the Child and Youth Advocate Act, that she will be reviewing the services provided to the children of a woman who was sentenced by Mr. Justice Leo Barry today in the Supreme Court, Trial Division, St. John's. The case is cited R. v. B.W.

Neville indicated that, pursuant to the Child and Youth Advocate Act, she has delivered notices to the Deputy Minister, Health and Community Services, and the Chief Executive Officer, Eastern Regional Integrated Health Authority, and has requested all information with respect to these children, including any reports that have been compiled as a result of any internal reviews, be provided to her.

Neville pointed out that as a matter of standard practice, she has applied the Conflict of Interest policy and determined one staff member had prior involvement. Neville stated that she will, therefore, personally conduct the review of the case information.

Upon review of the requested information, Neville will determine the course of action for the Office.

For further information, please contact Darlene Neville, Child and Youth Advocate, at (709) 753-3888.

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