

Right to Information Decision – Public Disclosure Log

Right to Information No.: RTI201516-029

Decision and Statement of Reasons

A notification is when a member of the community, family member, or organisation is concerned for the safety of a child. Child Protection will then investigate the alleged incident.

On receipt of a notification, an Intake Team undertake an initial assessment to consider whether a statutory response might be required to safeguard the welfare of the child. If the determination is that a statutory response is required, the Intake Team give the notification a priority rating that determines the timeliness and the intensity of any protective response:

Timeframes

Assessments must be commenced within the following timeframes:

Priority 1: ½ Day response

Priority 2: 5 Day response

Priority 3: 10 Day response

These notifications are then transitioned to Response for a more comprehensive assessment.

1 What were the reasons for the 151 notifications made, but not followed up by child protection in the North West Coast?

Reason for notification ¹	Notifications
Family argument/Family violence	87
Sexual abuse	20
Neglect	13
Homelessness	5
Other ²	12
Unknown	12
Archived - duplicate record	2
Total	151

¹All reasons for notification are alleged abuse types until otherwise substantiated.

²Includes Physical abuse, Suicide attempt/Self-harm (SASH), Alcohol and Drug, Emotional abuse and Mental Health Issues.

2 Of the cases investigated, were any of the children harmed between the notification and the investigation? If so, what kind of abuse occurred? What date did the abuse occur on?

To date, 143 cases have been closed and no harms alleged in the remaining notifications have been substantiated. There are no Priority One notifications.