

MOTHERISK COMMISSION

The Honourable Judith C. Beaman,
Commissioner



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L'honorable Judith C. Beaman,
Commissaire

SENT VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

July 18, 2016

Dear Executive Directors and Legal Counsel:

I hope that you are all well and that you are enjoying the summer. The Commission staff are busy reviewing files and planning the Commission's outreach campaign which will be in full swing starting in the fall.

It has recently been brought to my attention that some children's aid societies may not be interpreting category 4 of the high priority list in the way that the Commission intended. You will recall that category 4 reads as follows:

Cases where a child has been made a Crown ward and is in the care of a society but has not yet been placed for adoption.

The concern is that some children's aid societies may have interpreted this wording such that only cases where a Crown Ward is being considered for adoption have been sent to the Commission. I wish to clarify that the Commission wishes to see all files which employed Motherisk hair testing involving children who have been made Crown Wards even if there is no plan to place a child for adoption.

In my review of files, it would appear that most children's aid societies have interpreted category 4 correctly but out of an abundance of caution, I would ask that you ensure that all of your staff involved in preparing cases to send to the Commission have an accurate understanding of category 4.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation with and support for the Commission. Please feel free to contact me by telephone (416) 212-0526 or email lorne.glass@motheriskcommission.ca if you have any questions.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Glass'.

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