

ISSUE NOTE

Issue: RCMP fraud investigation regarding a Child Care Provider.

Background:

- An investigation was conducted by the RCMP regarding a child care service provider (VR) who submitted claims for three child care facilities that were no longer in operation.
- A Licensing Officer (LO) from the Vancouver Island Health Authority was contacted by the Courtney RCMP about the suspected fraud.
- On June 29, 2011, the LO contacted staff at the Child Care Subsidy Programs (CCSP) to alert the Ministry about the suspected fraud by VR.
- VR submitted claims to the Child Care Operating Funding Program (CCOF) and the Child Care Subsidy Programs (CCSP) for two facilities that have not been in operation since 2009.
- VR also submitted claimed for a third facility vastly overstating her enrolment.
- The RCMP concluded their investigation into the alleged fraud of the Child Care Operating Funding Program. Three counts of Fraud over \$5,000 were approved in December 2011 and the child care service provider (VR) was formally charged.
- The total fraud amount is \$357,811.50.
- This investigation did become public as a local news item.
- The Manager of the Verification and Audit Office (Provincial Services Division) is the liaison regarding the RCMP investigation.
- A trial date has been set for June 11 through June 21, 2013 in Courtenay BC.
- Two staff from VAO and two from CCOF are subpoenaed to testify.
- Legal Services has been informed.
- There has been a publication ban on the case.

Decision required:

- **This is a 30 day issue.**
- No decision is required; for information purposes only.