

COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

Safe Sleep- Recommendation 10

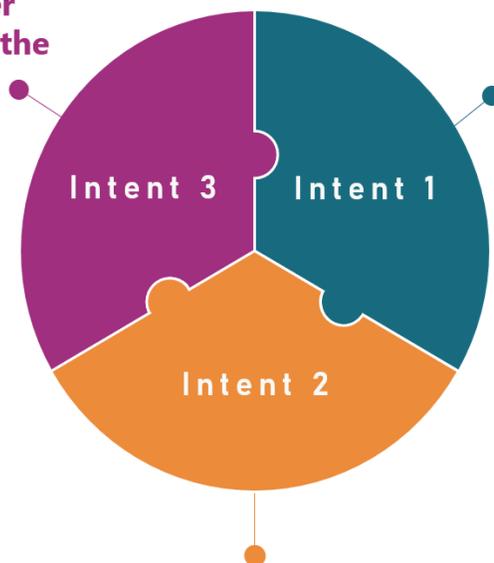
Recommendation Summary: Resource the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to develop an electronic database to collect information on suspected sleep-related infant deaths.

Primary Public Body: Manitoba Justice

3. For the OCME to partner with MACY in developing the electronic database

MACY to confirm what variables the OCME plans on collecting. This may be dependent on implementation of Recommendation 9.

Outstanding Action: Communication between MACY and the OCME.



1. Provide funding and/or the resources necessary for the development of an electronic database to collect information on risk factors of sleep-related infant deaths

Funding approvals have yet to be sought for the development of a new database, and confirmation is needed on whether database will actually collect information on risk factors.

Outstanding Action: Confirmation that resourced work ensures integration of risk factor data collection.

2. Develop an electronic database to systematically collect information on suspected sleep-related infant deaths in Manitoba. Report on the incidence and risk factors associated with sleep-related infant deaths

Update of database is underway however, confirmation is needed on variables to be collected as well as on the OCME's plan to report.

Outstanding Action: Confirmation that variables are integrated into database.

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Pieces of this recommendation have been met, as work has begun on updating the OCME's database. More detail is required to demonstrate that the OCME's updated database will indeed be collecting information on suspected sleep-related infant deaths. This data collection is largely contingent on the development of a form for police to use when attending the scene of an infant death, as is outlined in Safe Sleep recommendation 9.

Recommendation Compliance Summary

This form details the assessment of compliance with recommendations made under Section 27 and Section 31 of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*. MACY assesses recommendations for compliance once a year but receives updates from the public bodies every six months.

1. Recommendation Information	
Report Name:	Safe and Sound: A Special Report on the Unexpected Sleep-Related Deaths of 145 Manitoba Infants
Date Released:	3/26/2020
Full Recommendation (including details)	<p>Recommendation Ten: The Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth recommends that Manitoba Justice provide the resources necessary for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to develop an electronic database, in partnership with the Manitoba Advocate for Children and Youth, to collect and report on the incidence of and risk factors associated with all suspected sleep-related infant deaths in Manitoba.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data collected in suspected sleep-related infant deaths will be systematically and consistently collected in a database. <p>IMPACT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the systematic collection and analysis of data, gaps in healthcare will be identified to inform and evaluate interventions that reduce infant mortality, in partial fulfillment of the Truth and Reconciliation <i>Call to Action</i> No. 19.
Intent(s) of Recommendation:	<p>The intents of the recommendation are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide funding and/or the resources necessary for the development of an electronic database to collect information on risk factors of sleep-related infant deaths. 2. For the OCME to develop an electronic database that systematically and consistently collects information on suspected sleep-related infant deaths in Manitoba. Data will be used to report on the incidence of and risk factors associated with sleep-related infant deaths. 3. For the OCME to partner with MACY in developing the electronic database.
Issue:	Safe Sleep
Public Body	Manitoba Justice Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Dates of Previous Official Updates from Public Body	May 31, 2021
2. Compliance Determination	
Limitedly Compliant 0.25	Actions taken only implement a small part of the recommendation, requirements are only fulfilled to a limited degree by actions taken,

	resulting in significant deficiency in implementation.
Self-Assessment	Largely Compliant (for Intents 1 and 2) Limitedly Compliant (for Intent 3)
Previous Compliance Determination	NA
3. Rationale for Determination (How did you reach this compliance determination)	
<p>Intent 1: To provide funding and/or the resources necessary for the development of an electronic database to collect information on risk factors of sleep-related infant deaths.</p> <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intent 1 is almost complete based on Manitoba Justice’s report in 2020 that an update of the OCME’s current database is underway and resources have been allocated. Limited information was provided, however, on the current status of the database development and whether updates to the database will include data points that collect information on risk factors. • In October 2021, Manitoba Justice clarified that it is “close to updating an old build of the database, which is the first necessary step to implement this recommendation.” • The department also clarified that funding approvals have yet to be sought for the development of a new database. <p>Intent 2: For the OCME to develop an electronic database that systematically and consistently collects information on suspected sleep-related infant deaths in Manitoba. Data will be used to report on the incidence of risk factors associated with sleep-related infant deaths.</p> <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The OCME’s database is currently being updated and the OCME is aware of this recommendation and intends to integrate sleep-related death information as part of the data it collects. A review is needed to confirm whether the database updates are in line with what needs to be collected. • The implementation of this recommendation is largely contingent on the implementation of <i>Safe and Sound</i> recommendation 9: to develop a form that police can use to collect information on what may have contributed to a sleep-related infant death. MACY will also ask Manitoba Justice what information police are currently collecting and providing to the OCME when attending the scene of an infant death. • Manitoba Justice stated that funding approval for the development of a new database has not occurred yet since an update of the old build of the database needs to be completed first. <p>Intent 3: For the OCME to partner with MACY in developing the electronic database.</p> <p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In lieu of ‘partnering’, Manitoba Justice has suggested that MACY be consulted as the OCME develops/updates their database. • The process for how communication between the Manitoba Advocate, the OCME, and Manitoba Justice should occur in order to collaborate on this intent is still in development. <p>Analysis Summary: Pieces of this recommendation have been met, as work has begun on updating the OCME’s database. More detail, however, is required to demonstrate that the OCME’s updated database will indeed be collecting information on suspected sleep-related infant deaths. This data collection is largely contingent on the development of a form to use when attending the scene of an</p>	

infant death, as is outlined in *Safe Sleep* recommendation 9. Once this is ensured, the department will be partially to largely compliant with the recommendation. For now, it remains limitedly compliant.