

## Copies of the Decision – Protection for Persons in Care

### Overview:

Alleged abusers have requested copies of the Decision so as to know the outcome of the allegation. The *Protection for Persons in Care Act* only requires that a copy is provided to the agency involved in the complaint and the complainant. This does not put closure to the allegation for the alleged abuser when the outcome of the investigation is not known. To alleviate this concern, copies will now be routinely sent to alleged abusers if their address is provided to the investigator.

### Legislative source:

*Protection for Persons in Care Act*

### Investigator's Report

8(6) *The appropriate Minister must provide a copy of the decision to the complainant and to the agency involved in the complaint.*

### Policy Statement:

**Copies of Decisions will be routinely sent to alleged abusers.**

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### Implementation of providing copies of Decisions to alleged abusers:

Copies of Decisions will be routinely provided to alleged abusers if their address is provided to the investigator. At the time of investigation, alleged abusers should make their home addresses known to the investigators. Telephone requests are not sufficient proof of identity to permit Protection of Persons in Care to reveal this personal information.

While the agency could be made responsible for providing the alleged abuser with a copy, there are times when the alleged abuser is no longer in their employment. Therefore, it could be difficult for the agency to forward a copy or ensure that the alleged abuser receives one.

### Purpose

*PPC Bulletins* are intended to provide individuals/agencies with more detailed information for interpreting the *Protection for Persons in Care Act (PPC Act)*. These Bulletins supply information concerning procedures and practices to aid in the effective and consistent administration of the *PPC Act*. PPC Bulletins are not a substitute for legal advice.