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PGT releases Child and Youth Guardianship Services Report

VANCOUVER, DECEMBER 7, 2018 – The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) has released its tenth annual Child and Youth Guardianship Services Report. The report provides an overview of property guardianship services delivered to children and youth who were in the continuing care of the province between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018.

“The PGT is committed to protecting the legal and financial interests of the children and youth it serves, as well providing effective property guardianship services that promote positive outcomes for our clients,” said Catherine Romanko, Public Guardian and Trustee.

The PGT is property guardian for over 5,000 children and youth. Additional data from the report is captured in this [Highlights](#) sheet.

“We recognize that the work we do as property guardian brings with it a responsibility to also provide appropriate transition supports to youth leaving care so that our young clients have the basic skills and knowledge to ultimately manage their affairs on their own,” said Romanko.

“This year, we were pleased to see legislative amendments to the *Infants Act* and *Public Guardian and Trustee Act* that will allow youth who feel that they need a little more time to prepare for their transition have the option to continue receiving services from the PGT until the age of 27.”

The 2017-2018 Child and Youth Guardianship Services Report is available [here](#).

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About the Public Guardian and Trustee

The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) is a corporation sole established under the *Public Guardian and Trustee Act* with a unique statutory role to protect the interests of British Columbians who lack legal capacity to protect their own interests.



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The mandate of the PGT is to:

- Protect the legal and financial interests of children under the age of 19 years;
- Protect the legal, financial, personal and health care interests of adults who require assistance in decision making; and
- Administer the estates of deceased and missing persons.