

## NEWS RELEASE

## PGT releases Child and Youth Guardianship Services Report

**VANCOUVER, DECEMBER 8, 2017** – The Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) has released its ninth 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, 2016 and March 31, 2017.

"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 are captured in this <u>Highlights</u> sheet.

"The PGT also recognizes the important role it plays in helping youth leaving care transition by providing financial literacy training and other resources that will give youth the skills and support they need to manage their affairs as young adults," said Romanko.

The 2016-2017 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. 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.