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Multi-agency effort to relook safety precautions at sports events

By Ng Kai Ling

FOLLOWING the death of 17-year-old triathlete Thaddeus Cheong, a multi-agency review is underway to see what precautions can be implemented to prevent another similar tragedy.

The Raffles Junior College teenager had collapsed and died on Sunday after crossing the finishing line in a SEA Games selection race.

Speaking to reporters at Thaddeus' wake, Mr Teo Ser Luck, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS), said: 'Right now we are getting agencies – Singapore Sports Council, even MCYS we are taking note of it. And also working with the Triathlon Association of Singapore (TAS). But it won't be just for triathlon, it will be for all sports. What are the precautions we have.'

'A possibility could be having more trained individuals who can do CPR or first aid, but we will look at what other plans or equipment that can be made available on the race site of the event itself,' he added.

Thaddeus' mother had said after the incident that there was no medical personnel or a defibrillator at the site of the race.

'We rushed him to hospital but it was too late,' said Mrs Angeline Cheong.