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Judge Sara Hinchey
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Dear Judge Hinchey

Subject: Nicolas Miles
Case No: 2015/000204
Date of Rec: 16 August 2015

This document provides the Victoria Police response to the recommendation arising from the investigation into the death, without Inquest, of Nicolas Miles, who died on 12 January 2015 at Waterloo Rd, Glenroy.

I have identified one recommendation in your report of relevance to Victoria Police viz 'That the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources together with Public Transport Victoria, Metro Trains Victoria and Victoria Police (in its capacity as employer for Public Service Officers) ensure all relevant staff be trained in identifying and responding to persons whose pattern of behaviour is out of the ordinary when around a train track to ensure vulnerable persons are not at risk of injury or death'.

Victoria Police supports this recommendation and it is aligned with the current training for Protective Services Officers (PSOs). Training sessions delivered by the Centre for Custody and Protective Services and other centres of learning address a range of topics relevant to vulnerable persons. These include Mental Health, Operational Safety, Professional Policing including Community Encounters and Conflict Awareness, Beyond Appearances, Young People and Family Violence.



Additional training is available on the Victoria Police learning Hub and PSO's are provided with a Mental Health Act 2014 Quick Guide which aids in decision making relevant to the identification of and response to a mentally ill person. Further update training is delivered biannually in OSTT training and in the Thinking Ahead professional update training delivered to PSO's.

PSO's receive education in all sessions on communication and risk identification. The safety of the member and the community is the cornerstone of teaching at the Victoria Police Academy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Ashton', with a stylized, flowing script.

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