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21 February 2018

Ali Frazer
Coroner's Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
Southbank VIC 3006

Via email: cpuresponses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Dear Ali Frazer

Court ref: COR 2015 001527

AHPRA response to Coroner's recommendations

I write further to your letter dated 1 December 2017 regarding the investigation into the death of Margaret E Barton. The Coroner's findings included a recommendation directed to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Coroner's recommendation:

54. *That the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) review this case, pertaining to:*
- a. *The adequacy of clinical governance of medication administration at Park Hill Gardens RACF, which ceased operations in December 2014.*
 - b. *The inappropriate administration of medication ('as required' Oxazepam) by multiple nursing staff at MPH.*
 - c. *The significant increase in Oxazepam prescribed by Dr Chan, as well as the absence of follow up review provided.*

AHPRA response

The Coroner's recommendation has been implemented.

After receipt of the Coroner's findings, AHPRA reviewed the case and referred a number of registered health practitioners to the Medical Board of Australia and the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (the Boards). On 15 February 2018 and 16 February 2018, the Boards decided to investigate the named registered health practitioners.

However, for reasons of privacy and confidentiality, noting that this response will be published publically, we have not identified the practitioners under investigation in this letter.

Should you have queries regarding this matter please contact David Gardner on (03) 8708 9284 or by email to vic-notifications@ahpra.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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