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Hannah Summerhayes  
Coroners Registrar  
Coroners Court of Victoria  
Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street  
Melbourne, Victoria 3000



Dear Ms Summerhayes,

**Re: Court ref: COR 2007 002556 - Investigation into the death of Glen Kingsun**

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 30 July 2014, regarding the death of Glen Kingsun.

As per the Coroner's recommendation and pursuant to Section 72(2) of the **Coroners Act 2008**, the RACGP will be advocating for the implementation of a national real time electronic monitoring system for management of prescription drugs. Prescribing doctors need to have an awareness of the patient's prescribing history and ideally, all prescribers and dispensers of drugs should be able to share prescribing information.

The RACGP strongly supports the urgent national implementation of the Electronic Recording and Reporting of Controlled Drugs (ERRCD). Although this system currently only allows viewing of Schedule 8 drug dispensing information, the RACGP believes it should be expanded to include all drugs.

The RACGP is currently undertaking a project to address real time prescription drug monitoring. A discussion document will be disseminated to policy makers (at State and Federal levels), healthcare providers, pharmacists, IT providers, NPS Medicinewise, Medical Defence Organisations, the State Coronial Courts, the AMA, GP training bodies, RACGP State Faculties, Medical Colleges and any other interested organisations. The RACGP is committed to addressing real time prescription drug monitoring and will work with all interested organisations to foster development of a suitable and effective monitoring system. Once developed, the RACGP will assist in providing education to health professionals on addiction and doctor shopping and assist all jurisdictions with clinically appropriate guidance on how to implement this successfully from a clinician perspective.

Should you require any additional information, please feel free to contact Joanne Hereward on [joanne.hereward@racgp.org.au](mailto:joanne.hereward@racgp.org.au) or (03) 8699 0338.

Yours sincerely

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