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Re: Coroners Act 2008 – Part 6: Findings, Recommendations & Referrals

Subject: [REDACTED]

Case Number: 4056/10

Date of Recommendations: 13 September 2012

Recommendation #:

That Victoria Police consider the development of guidelines for the welfare management of suspects charged or interviewed in relation to child sexual offences with a view to minimizing the risk of self harm. Such guidelines might include information about appropriate support and crisis assistance services available to suspects in their locality.

Response:

This recommendation has been implemented.

Victoria police is continuing to develop its management of suspects interviewed for child sexual offences. Advice has been sought into the development of a checklist to assist members of the Sexual Crime Squad manage suspects of child sexual offences including making a determination as to the suspects mental state.

It is current practice of the Sexual Crimes Squad to talk to suspects about their mental state. Suspects are also provided with pamphlets for the Men's Health Line and are referred to the Australian Psychological Society website for the contact details of psychologists.

Should you have any further enquiries relating to this matter, please contact Detective Senior Sergeant Rob Ridley of the Sexual Crimes Squad on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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