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Ms Esther Reeves
Coroners Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
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Dear Ms Reeves

INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF DISHITA MADAMSHETTY

I write in response to your letter dated 19 July 2012 in relation to a recommendation made by Coroner Parkinson in the inquest findings for Dishita Madamshetty;

That the hospital adopt and publish formal procedures in relation to CTG monitoring, supervision and oversight and that these procedures be published to all relevant clinicians, including a requirement for regular monitoring of pre-induction CTG trace.

Western Health has or will implement the coroner's recommendation. The Division of Womens and Childrens Services Clinical Practice Guideline Development Group has revised the Induction of Labour Clinical Guideline to include;

CTG Monitoring

The midwife must *remain* with the woman for the first ten minutes at the commencement of all CTG monitoring.

If the first 10 minutes are reassuring the woman and CTG can be reviewed intermittently.

If the CTG is non-reassuring, report to the midwife in charge and Obstetric and Gynaecology Registrar.

Document all findings.

The revised guideline is being reviewed by relevant stakeholders. It is anticipated that final approval will be available by 31 October 2012, and the guideline will then be published and available to all staff on the Western Health intranet. A targeted memo, with a copy of the guideline will also be circulated to clinical midwives and medical staff.

Yours faithfully

Dr Mark Garwood
Executive Director Medical Services
Western Health