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Dear Emma

**Investigation into the death of Baby B**

Thank you for your letter dated 15 November 2018 accompanying Coroner Caitlin English's finding without inquest into the death of Baby B.

I note that the Coroner's finding includes a recommendation (recommendation 1) connected with the death of Baby B directed to Safer Care Victoria (SCV) that:

*'That Safer Care Victoria Maternity and Newborn Clinical network replicate the 'Substance Use during Pregnancy' information currently located in the electronic neonatal handbook within the electronic Maternity handbook.'*

The SCV Maternity and Newborn Clinical Network's Neonatal eHandbook currently provides guidance on 'Substance use during pregnancy – care of the infant' in the Neonatal eHandbook. This guidance was last reviewed in September 2018. The topic includes a section on Antenatal care and links to the Royal Women's Hospital Women's Alcohol and Drug Service (WADS).

SCV would like to advise that the Coroner's recommendation will be implemented. Replication of the topic 'Substance use during pregnancy' in the Maternity eHandbook was actioned in December 2018. Publication of the information will be promoted through the SCV Clinical Networks newsletter, the Maternity and Newborn Clinical Network news bulletin, the Network's Regional Midwives, and amongst the general practice community via liaison with the Primary Health Networks.

Should you have any queries, please contact Wendy Cutchie, Project Lead, Maternity and Newborn Clinical Network on 03 9096 7413 or [wendy.cutchie@safercare.vic.gov.au](mailto:wendy.cutchie@safercare.vic.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



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