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Dear Ms Nigli

Investigation into the death of Tangimama Tavai

Thank you for your letter dated 15 October 2019 accompanying Coroner Simon McGregor's finding without inquest into the death of Tangimama Tavai.

I refer to the Coroner's recommendation:

'...Safer Care Victoria recommends all maternity services develop and implement institution specific policies that include triggers for mandatory escalation to and attendance by senior medical staff for postpartum haemorrhage and other obstetric emergencies.'

Safer Care Victoria's Maternity and Newborn Clinical Network have developed a Maternity eHandbook online resource, which provides accessible and contemporaneous practical, evidence based guidance for maternity care providers. These include a central source of advice on assessing, managing and escalating maternity conditions and complications. The eHandbook can be accessed at: <https://bettersafecare.vic.gov.au/resources/clinical-guidance/maternity-e handbook>.

In response to the above recommendation, the eHandbook topic *Postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) – prevention, assessment and management* has been updated to strengthen its advice and place a greater emphasis on the prompt recognition of PPH, effective communication and timely escalation to senior clinicians.

We will also continue to stress the importance for health practitioners to follow evidence based guidelines and to carry out multi-professional training to enhance recognition and take appropriate action in any obstetric emergency situation.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Maree Keenan".

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