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Coroners Court of Victoria
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Dear Nancy,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 June 2022 regarding Coroner Hawkins findings and recommendation into the tragic death of Paul Turner. Apologies for our delay in response as we have been engaging our Clinical and Professional Leadership Unit regarding Her Honours findings and recommendation.

Coroner Hawkins recommended *that Safer Care Victoria establish a multi-disciplinary working group (made up of Anaesthetics, Cardiology, Haematology, Pharmacy, Surgery) to develop state-wide guidelines for the management of anticoagulation therapy for peri and post-surgery for patients with Atrial Fibrillation and assist with the dissemination and roll out of a program to increase practitioner awareness, knowledge and performance.*

Safer Care Victoria (SCV) would like to advise Coroner Hawkins that we do not currently have the resources to accept the recommendation to develop state-wide guidance for the management of anticoagulation therapy for peri and post-surgery for patients with Atrial Fibrillation. However, SCV advises Her Honour that we commit to the consideration of this issue as part of our scoping of system-wide issues for prioritisation as we establish our Cardiovascular Learning Health Network.

SCV acknowledge that in accordance with section 72(5) the Act, the Coroner will publish our response on the Courts website.

Should you have any queries in relation to this response, please contact Jodyanne See, Senior Project Officer patientsafetyresponse@safercare.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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Date: 01/09/2022