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SCV: CC2023-11

Coroners Court of Victoria
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Dear Coroner Ryan,

Thank you for your letter dated 27 April 2023 and accompanying finding with recommendations into the tragic death of Gary Burgess.

Pursuant to section 72(2) of the Act, the following recommendations are directed to Safer Care Victoria (SCV).

- (i) review the details of this case and the recommendations made at Peninsula Health, in order to consider whether some / all / additional process improvements in clinical care for patients taking clozapine should be implemented across all acute care health services state-wide.
- (ii) (ii) consider the utility of developing a guideline focused on education and improved clinical care delivery primarily for non-psychiatric health practitioners for the management of constipation in patients on clozapine (and other antipsychotics), similar to the documents from NSW Health and SA Health (see Attachments A and B).

SCV is pleased to accept these recommendations in full and is currently engaging with Peninsula Health, the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist, and SCV's Clinical Professional Leadership Unit (CPLU) to ensure timely implementation. SCV commits to finalising the above recommendations by July 2024.

Should you have any further queries, please contact Jodyanne See, Senior Project Officer, Safer Care Victoria, via email at SCVCoronersLiaison@safercare.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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