

7 April 2025

Coroner Audrey Jamieson
Coroner's Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
Southbank VIC 3006

Dear Coroner Jamieson,

**Finding into the Death of Sheila Marion Quairney
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Limited response to recommendation**

I refer to the findings delivered by you on 2 January 2025 in relation to the death of Sheila Marion Quairney on 3 April 2023.

Firstly, I wish to express my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Ms Quairney.

Pursuant to section 72(3) of the *Coroners Act 2008* (Vic), St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Limited (**St Vincent's**) provides the following response to the recommendation made by you.

Recommendation

In the interests of promoting public health and safety and with the aim of preventing similar deaths, I recommend that St Vincent's Hospital and the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine consider adopting Sheila Marion Quairney's matter as a case study to highlight the importance of a comprehensive primary and secondary assessment and of the consideration of acute coronary syndrome in females who may present atypically.

St Vincent's accepts the recommendation and can confirm that Ms Quairney's matter has been incorporated into training and used as a case example across multiple forums in the Hospital. The recommendation is one that will hopefully serve the purpose of reducing similar cases in the future.

I want to reiterate my condolences to Sheila's family and friends, and reinforce our commitment at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne to continuously learn from and improve our services in response to recommendations such as this.

Yours sincerely,



Nicole Tweddle
Chief Executive St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Limited