



26 May 2025

Janet Lee
Coroner's Registrar
Coroner's Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh St
Southbank, Victoria, 3006

Dear Ms Lee,

Re: Court ref: 2019 0188 - Investigation into the death of [REDACTED]

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) thanks the Coroners Court of Victoria for the letter date 22 April 2024 regarding the death of [REDACTED]

Requested response to the following recommendation:

With the aim of promoting public health and safety, pursuant to section 72(2) of the Act, I therefore make the following recommendation:

a) I recommend the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and the General Practice Mental Health Standards Collaboration (GPMHSC) consider incorporating into their educational material a focus on obtaining collateral information, where legally and ethically feasible, as a key step in facilitating comprehensive mental health assessment and treatment planning.

RACGP Response pursuant to section 72(2) of the Act:

1. We note the response to this matter from the General Practice Mental Health Standards Collaboration (GPMHSC) dated 3 July 2024, which details existing training in accordance with the Coroner's recommendations. The [GPMHSC Mental health training standards 2023-25: A guide for training providers](#) has guidance in accordance with the coroner's suggestion on obtaining collateral information where legally and ethically feasible, as a key step in facilitating comprehensive mental health assessment and treatment planning.
2. The RACGP curriculum and syllabus for Australian general practice (6th edition) has a [unit on mental health](#) which includes supporting resources and has the following competencies and learning outcomes:
 - use screening tools and psychometric instruments to aid identification, assessment and monitoring of patients with mental health disorders
 - identify and differentiate the common mental health disorders in general practice utilising skills in psychiatric history-taking and mental status assessment
 - undertake a sensitive and thorough suicide and self-harm risk assessment in children, adolescents, adults and the elderly.



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We hope that this information is useful. Should you require any additional information, please feel free to contact RACGP Victoria State Manager Ally Francis [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, RACGP Victoria