

11 August 2026

Alton Taumoefolau
Coroner's Registrar – Coroners Support Services

Via email: cpuresponses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Dear Alton,

**Re: Response to the Coroner's Findings and Recommendations
Investigation into the death of Stratos Ioannidis COR 2025 001682**

Eastern Health thanks the Coroner for the findings delivered on 22 May 2026 and provides the following response to the recommendations made under section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008* (Vic).

In accordance with the Court's guidelines, Eastern Health provides the following response to the recommendation.

Response to Recommendations

Recommendation 1

Eastern Health continues to develop and finalise a protocol to identify ECG changes/thresholds that require escalation to Cardiology for review in the context of a person admitted as an involuntary mental health patient.

Response: The recommendation has been implemented.

Eastern Health developed and approved the 'Electrocardiogram (ECG) Review Guideline for Adult Psychiatry Inpatient Units' (**the ECG Review Guideline**), which was incorporated into the existing Guideline 2424 'Physical Health Assessment of Consumers in Mental Health & Wellbeing Program'. The ECG Review Guideline was approved on 17 June 2026 and published on 3 July 2026.

The ECG Review Guideline establishes a structured process for the completion, review, documentation and escalation of ECG findings in adult psychiatry inpatient units. It includes defined escalation pathways for abnormal ECG findings, including QT prolongation, and specifies circumstances in which urgent review by the Perioperative Medical Liaison (POML) service and consideration of cardiology input is required. The guideline also includes specific QTc thresholds and escalation requirements.

Recommendation 2

Eastern Health review the Physical Health Assessment of Consumers in the Eastern Health Mental Health Program Practice Guideline to ensure that it is consistent and appropriately informed by the Maudsley Prescribing Guidelines in Psychiatry in respect of ECG changes and QT prolongation.

Response: The recommendation has been implemented.

As outlined in response to Recommendation 1, Eastern Health reviewed and amended Guideline 2424, 'Physical Health Assessment of Consumers in Mental Health & Wellbeing Program'. The review included incorporation of the ECG Review Guideline and additional guidance regarding ECG monitoring, QT prolongation and escalation requirements for mental health inpatients.

The ECG Review Guideline expressly directs clinicians to the *Maudsley Prescribing Guidelines* in Psychiatry for guidance regarding medication-related QTc prolongation risks, thereby ensuring the guideline is informed by and consistent with that resource.

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Eastern Health remains committed to continuous improvement and to implementing systems and processes that enhance patient safety. We thank the Court for the opportunity to respond to the recommendations.

Yours sincerely,



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