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Dear [REDACTED]

Inquest into the death of [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter received on 12 January 2017 enclosing inquest findings and a recommendation made by Coroner Rosemary Carlin under the *Coroners Act 2008*.

In the findings, Coroner Carlin made the following recommendation:

'In the event of the death of a child under its care the Department of Health and Human Services consider including any agency contracted to care for that child in its internal review process and distribution of its report to that agency'.

I appreciate the Coroner's insight and analysis regarding this case and I am pleased to read individuals involved in [REDACTED] care were dedicated to [REDACTED] welfare. I thank the Coroner for this recommendation that highlights the importance of working with contracted agencies following the death of a client to reflect on case practice and learnings.

The Department of Health and Human Services accepts this recommendation for the purpose of reflecting on practice strengths and opportunities for improvement.

If you require further information please contact Tracy Beaton, Chief Practitioner, Director, Office of Professional Practice, tracy.beaton@dhhs.vic.gov.au, 9096 0758.

Yours sincerely


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