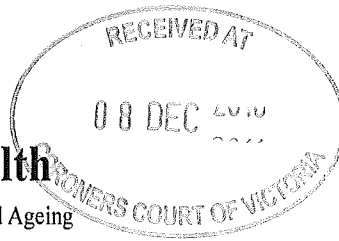




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Ms Maria Colahan
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Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street
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Dear Ms Colahan

Coronial Finding into the death of Mr Cecil John Dunne

Thank you for your letter to the Hon. David Davis, Minister for Health of 25 October 2011 in which you advised of the coronial finding into the death of Mr Cecil John Dunne and included the Coroner's recommendation. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Coroner's finding recommends that in order to obtain information for a Falls Risk Assessment, relevant family members should be consulted in addition to the patient where possible. The Department understands that the Falls Risk Assessment Tool (F.R.A.T.) used by the Latrobe Regional Hospital is modelled on a version developed by Peninsula Health in 1999 with departmental funding. Neither the Minister nor the Department of Health are responsible for the F.R.A.T.

The Department has provided a copy of the coronial finding to Latrobe Regional Hospital. We understand that the Hospital will respond directly to the Coroner in relation to the F.R.A.T. recommendation. If you would like to discuss this matter further, I can be contacted on 9096 8309.

Yours sincerely

Louise Johnson
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