

20 December 2012

Coroner's Registry Coroner's Court of Victoria Level 11 222 Exhibition Street Melbourne VIC 3000

Attention: Registrar

Dear Registrar

Inquest before Coroner White touching upon the death of Timothy Casey Coroner's reference 1277/08

GEO Care, formerly known as Pacific Shores Healthcare, had reviewed the Coroner's Findings and in particular the Recommendations and Comments.

GEO Care does wish to thank the Coroner for the opportunity to make a response in relation to the Recommendations and Comments.

GEO Care was the primary health provider at the MAP during the period Mr Casey was in custody at the MAP (from 26 February 2008 to 17 March 2008), with Forensicare being responsible for the provision of specialist mental health services at the MAP at all relevant times. GEO Care has not been involved in the provision of health services at the PPP at any time.

In this context, GEO Care considers that the Recommendations and Comments are focussed on events and actions which have not involved GEO Care, other than in a limited role.

Accordingly, GEO Care does not make a response in relation to the Recommendations and Comments, save for Recommendation 11, as commented upon below.

In relation to Recommendation 11, this refers to GEO Care developing protocols at PPP in consultation with St Vincent's, Corrections Victoria and G4S which recognise that drug substitution medication should be a medical issue rather than an administrative one. As GEO Care is not engaged in health care at PPP, it may not be appropriate for GEO Care to develop protocols to apply specifically at PPP (rather than policies applying across corrections).





GEO Care welcomes the opportunity to participate in the further development of relevant protocols in relation to drug substitution applying across corrections (which would necessarily include PPP).

Yours Faithfully

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