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Her Honour Coroner Fiona Hayes  
Latrobe Valley Law Courts  
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Dear Ms Hayes

**Court Ref 60/2011 Cecil Dunne**

I am in receipt of your findings dated 29 July 2011 in respect of the circumstances of the death of Mr Dunne and your recommendation. These were forwarded to me in December by the Legal Branch of the Department of Health. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I note that you made the following recommendation:

*I recommend that F.R.A.T. assessments include, where possible, speaking to family members to ensure accuracy of information in relation to a patient's falls history.*

Under the regime that was in place when Mr Dunne was assessed, although not noted on the F.R.A.T. assessment form, the training manual and instructions which underpin the manner of assessment, indicates that nursing staff should obtain information about past falls from a patient's family.

A review of our F.R.A.T. assessment form was undertaken late last year, prior to obtaining your recommendation. That review indicated that this instruction should be on the F.R.A.T. assessment form as a direct instruction.

Thank you for bringing this aspect of our F.R.A.T. assessment to our attention.

Yours sincerely

Peter Craighead  
Chief Executive

cc. Louise Johnson, Director Legal Branch Department of health

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