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Dear Ms Sanderson

**Investigation into the death of Lucia Grace Sefton (Bowlen)**

Thank you for your letter dated 25 September 2019 accompanying Coroner Caitlin English's finding without inquest into the death of Lucia Grace Sefton (Bowlen).

I refer to the Coroner's recommendation:

*'...that Safer Care Victoria supports the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to ensure that ongoing Practical Obstetric Multi-Professional Training provided to core multi-professional hospital teams includes techniques to be adopted for the safe delivery of the baby where the head is deeply impacted in the pelvis.'*

Safer Care Victoria (SCV), supports the updated (2017) guidance by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG). This now includes additional pre and intra-operative advice, including the availability of more senior staff, careful assessment of the woman prior to caesarean section and awareness of the appropriate measures to take during surgery.

Within SCV, the Maternity and Newborn Clinical Network develop clinical practice guidelines in partnership with experts, clinicians and consumers. Across the maternity health sector, they will continue to stress the importance for health practitioners to follow evidence-based guidance and to carry out multi-professional training to enhance recognition and take appropriate action for the safe delivery of a baby, where the head is deeply impacted in the maternal pelvis.

Should you have any queries, please contact Safer Care Victoria at [chiefclinicalofficers@safercare.vic.gov.au](mailto:chiefclinicalofficers@safercare.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann Maree Keenan".

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**Safer Care Victoria**  
Date 29/10/2019