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Hayley Burgess  
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Dear Hayley

Thank you for your letter of 17 December 2019 regarding Coroner Caitlin English's findings into the death of Maddox Wheeler.

I note in her findings, Coroner English recommends 'that within six months from the date of this Finding, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education and Training finalise and release the Victorian Safe Infant Sleeping Guideline.'

These guidelines are being produced by the Maternity and Newborn Clinical Network within Safer Care Victoria. For this reason, I have directed Coroner English's findings to the attention of Professor Euan Wallace, Chief Executive Officer of Safer Care Victoria.

Please find attached a letter from Professor Wallace responding to this recommendation.

Yours sincerely

**Kym Peake**  
Secretary

10/2/2020

Encl. Letter from Professor Euan Wallace - COR 2016 000318



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Hayley Burgess  
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Dear Ms Burgess

**Investigation into the death of Maddox Wheeler**

Thank you for your letter dated 17 December 2019, which accompanied Coroner Caitlin English's finding without inquest into the death of Maddox Wheeler.

I refer to the Coroner's recommendation:


*'... that within six months from the date of this Finding, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education and Training finalise and release the Victorian Safe Infant Sleeping Guideline.'*

Safer Care Victoria, through the work of the Maternity and Newborn Clinical Network, are in the process of finalising the Victorian Infant Safe Sleeping Guideline and are committed to publishing this important document by March this year.

The Maternity and Newborn Clinical Network are working in close collaboration with the Maternal, Child and Family Health Branch to produce the Infant Safe Sleeping Guidance. The document will be published in the Neonatal eHandbook online resource, which provides accessible and contemporaneous practical, evidence-based guidance for neonatal care providers. The guideline will also be accessible to Maternal and Child Health Nurses.

Should you have any queries, please contact Wendy Cutchie, Project Lead, Maternity and Newborn Clinical Network, Safer Care Victoria on (03) 9096 7413 or [wendy.cutchie@safercare.vic.gov.au](mailto:wendy.cutchie@safercare.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

  
Professor Euan Wallace  
Chief Executive Officer

**Safer Care Victoria**

Date: 12/2020