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Marde Bevan
Coroners Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
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Dear Marde,

Investigation into the death of [REDACTED]
Court ref: COR 2017 003180
Response to request for input into development of a framework to assess fitness to hold a firearm licence

Thank you for your communication regarding the tragic and untimely death of [REDACTED].

The development of guidelines or advice on the suitability of someone to hold a firearms licence is outside the scope of general practice and thus outside of the remit of the RACGP to provide comment. General Practitioners are not skilled in assessing the risks posed by an individual who has been diagnosed with a mental illness being granted a gun licence. Where patients are identified as suicidal or homicidal, General Practitioners refer them to a mental health risk assessment and treatment team (CATT) and where the patient is in the care of a Psychiatrist or Clinical Psychologist, the GP should contact those allied practitioners to alert them to the patient's mental state.

The RACGP thanks the Coroner for the opportunity to provide feedback on the recommendations arising out of the inquest into the untimely death of [REDACTED].

Kon Kakris, RACGP Victoria State Manager, can be contacted in relation to the consideration of the recommendations on T: +61 3 8699 0979 and E: kon.kakris@racgp.org.au.

Yours sincerely



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