

23rd June 2021

To the Coroners Court
Re: Alma Honeychurch

Response to recommendations

1. Safer care Victoria education and support

A response from safer care Victoria has been provided.

2. Review of hospital transfers with AV – accepted and implemented prior to coroner’s findings

Prior to the coroner’s recommendations, the Director of Nursing and Director of Medical services met with Ambulance Victoria to clarify the transfer procedures for critically unwell patients.

Date 01/10/2018

As a result of that meeting, education and clarification was undertaken with the senior nursing staff responsible for arranging transfers. It remained at the time of the meeting the policy of AV that they would determine the platform (type of transport) and the hospital’s role was to provide the clinical information to make that assessment. There were no legislative or policy changes as a result of the meeting with AV.

3. Review of upper airway education - accepted and will be implemented after Coroner’s recommendation

Castlemaine health has for many years provided upper airway assessment and management education for our nursing staff. This education is available through our clinical education department. At this stage this education is not compulsory for all acute nursing staff. This situation is under review, with the likely outcome that all senior nursing staff associated with the Urgent Care Centre will be required to undertake practical training in the insertion of laryngeal masks by the end of 2021. This will be incorporated into our ALS training program.

Policies and educational resources are under review and will be amended as appropriate by December 2021.

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