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27 October 2021

Coroners Court Of Victoria
Ms Kate Hughes
65 Kavanagh St
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006
By email: team11@courts.vic.gov.au

Dear Ms Hughes,

Decision to investigate

In October, you told us of your concerns about Dr Douglas Schneider. Thank you for that – We appreciate the effort this takes and would like to assure you that we take all issues raised seriously.

The Medical Board of Australia (the Board) has considered all the information it has and on 13 October decided to investigate. I will lead the investigation. The investigation may take between six and 12 months although more time may be needed.

I will keep you updated regularly as the investigation proceeds and when the investigation is completed.

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Unless you asked us not to tell the practitioner that you made the notification, we will have provided your name and a copy of all the information you gave us to the practitioner. This is important for ensuring that a fair process is followed. If you have not given consent for this, then it may pose challenges in addressing your concerns.

We will write to you to tell you the outcome of the notification. This letter may contain personal information about other people. We ask that you treat it confidentially and sensitively. Commonwealth, State or Territory laws may restrict how you can use other people's personal information.

If you would like more information, please contact me on 08 6141 6122 or chris.balde@ahpra.gov.au. If you do contact me, please quote the reference number below.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Balde', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Balde

Regulatory Advisor - Notifications (Investigations)

Reference Number: 00480611