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Dear Ms. Purdy

Investigation into the death of TMY

I respond on behalf of Chief Commissioner LAY regarding the recommendations of Coroner CARLIN.

We have considered Recommendation 3, namely investigating the feasibility of requiring the Mental Disorder Transfer Form to record the signature of the person, to whom custody has been transferred, as well as the date and time of transfer.

Signing of Mental Disorder Transfer Form

Unfortunately the signing of our internal document by a person who assumes custody of the detainee, in circumstances where the mental health of the detainee is in question, presents impracticalities.

Section 351 (6) of the *Mental Health Act 2014* provides that a person is released from police custody when the patient enters into the care of the mental health service. To delay police officers from returning to their operational duties until a staff member of the mental health service accepts that responsibility, may adversely impact the ability of police to return to their duties.



Recording of Date and Time of Transfer

Victoria Police is currently taking steps to include a provision for the date and time of transfer into its Mental Disorder Transfer Form.

I thank you for the opportunity to respond to these recommendations.

Yours sincerely



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