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Subject: RB-Findings into death without inquest
Court reference: COR 2019 001076
Date of finding: 27 June 2024

Dear Coroner Lawrie,

This letter provides the response to your recommendation to Victoria Police arising from your Finding into the death of RB (a pseudonym) delivered on 27 June 2024 and provided on 2 July 2024.

Recommendation One

You have made the following recommendation directed towards Victoria Police:

That Victoria Police FVCT update its operating procedures to include that, following the FVCT's initial approach to the victim survivor, police members are required to offer to make a referral to a trauma or specialist support service counsellor on behalf of the victim survivor. If the victim survivor agrees to a referral, the referral should be made as soon as practicable. This requirement should also apply in circumstances where investigators make a renewed approach to a victim survivor.

Response to Recommendation

The Victoria Police Family Violence Command Task Force has finalised and implemented updates to its operating procedures. This recommendation has been implemented in full.

Yours sincerely,

Shane Patton APM
Chief Commissioner

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