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Dear Coroner's Registrar Lee

**Re: Court references: COR 2020 006727, COR 2021 001636, COR 2021 002457, COR 2021 002415, COR 2020 004857**

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) thanks the Coroners Court of Victoria for the original letter 29 August 2024 regarding the Investigation into the death of Bridget Flack, Matt Byrne, Heather Pierard, 'AS'1 & Natalie Wilson (Trans & Gender Diverse Suicide Cluster)

**Requested responses to the following recommendation:**

5. *That the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP), under the guidance of experts from TGD communities, develop and offer training and support to all healthcare professionals under their remits, including those who provide or want to provide care to TGD people, with the aim of ensuring cultural safety for TGD people accessing health services across these settings and which includes training on the factors that can contribute to the risk of suicide in these communities.*

**RACGP Response pursuant to section 72(2) of the Act:**

The RACGP is committed to serving all of the Australian community, including as a priority those groups that are subject to marginalisation, discrimination and limited access to quality healthcare.

For this reason, we have been seeking to improve health outcomes and access to high quality primary health care for transgender and gender diverse individuals and their supports by engaging with General Practitioners affiliated with the college to support, train and equip in collaboration with community stakeholders.

As part of this, the RACGP created a Transgender and Gender Diverse Specific Interest Group (TGD SIG) in August 2023, which has been working hard to develop these resources and opportunities for our affiliated clinicians.

The relevant member educational activities to date include:

- In August 2024 the TGD SIG produced a webinar on safe referral pathways for transgender and gender diverse patients, gender inclusive practice and informed consent prescribing. The webinar link is <https://www.racgp.org.au/racgp-digital-events-calendar/online-event-content/measuring-your-outcomes-for-transgender-and-gender>



- Also, in August 2024 the RACGP's Sexual Health Specific Interest Group delivered a member webinar on 06.08.24 which included – reviewing quality improvements GPs can implement in relation to sexual health medicine.  
The webinar link is <https://www.racgp.org.au/racgp-digital-events-calendar/online-event-items/on-demand/measuring-your-outcomes-for-sexual-health-medicine>

Moreover, the RACGP has been working over the past few years to develop and improve the training provided to GP registrars with the 2022 RACGP curriculum and syllabus and in the RACGP clinical guidelines to be more gender-inclusive and supportive of community members with transgender or gender diverse identities.

- 2022 RACGP curriculum and syllabus for Australian general practice, <https://www.racgp.org.au/education/education-providers/curriculum/curriculum-and-syllabus/units/sexual-health-and-gender-diversity>
- Endorsed clinical guidelines <https://www.racgp.org.au/clinical-resources/clinical-guidelines/guidelines-by-topic/view-all-guidelines-by-topic/sexual-health/australian-informed-consent-standards-of-care>

The curriculum, syllabus and clinical guidelines will continue to be updated as evidence in transgender medicine emerges.

We hope that this information is useful. If you have any further questions about the above, please contact RACGP Victoria State Manager Kon Kakris via [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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