



the women's
the royal women's hospital

13 October 2025

Coroner Audrey Jamieson
Coroners Court of Victoria

By email: cpuresponses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Dear Coroner Jamieson

Coronial Investigation into the death of [REDACTED]

COR 2020 006559

We refer to the above matter and the finding into death without inquest handed down on 16 July 2025.

As outlined in the finding, we confirm that in accordance with section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008* (Vic), you made the following recommendation:

In the interests of promoting public health and safety and with the aim of preventing like deaths, I recommend that the Royal Women's Hospital implement ongoing training to medical staff to appropriately identify risks and address difficulties from disimpaction of the foetal head during deliveries.

We write to provide the following response on behalf of the Royal Women's Hospital (the **Women's**).

The Women's has and intends to continue to provide training to medical staff that appropriately identifies the risks and addresses the difficulties from disimpaction of the foetal head during deliveries.

Following the Women's internal investigation in 2021, training has been implemented each year from 2022 to date, and this training is ongoing. The training provided addresses the principals of identification of risks, and strategies for management of, impacted fetal head.

Multiple training sessions have been offered to our obstetric medical staff each year, which have been provided through different formats, including in situ simulation, through presentations and through our clinical skills training under consultant supervision and guidance. The training has been provided through dedicated sessions and also incorporated into other sessions addressing the fundamentals of safe deliveries and forceps workshops. These have been facilitated both internally and through external providers.

The Women's intends to continue providing this training to our medical staff and also ensures that the consultants on the labour ward roster are appropriately skilled with disimpaction of the fetal head at caesarean section. Further, that those consultants are present at caesareans performed at full dilation.

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The Women's also wishes to acknowledge the Coroner's finding and we offer our sincere condolences to [REDACTED] family for their loss.

Yours faithfully



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