

Recommendation Response from Department of Health Biannual Report – February 2018

KLD

KLD (name suppressed), aged 21 months, died on 22 August 2012 as a result of hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy following unexplained cardiac arrest. KLD and her older brother were in a foster arrangement and under the care of the Department for Child Protection¹ at the time. KLD convulsed and stopped breathing following an unwitnessed fall at home.

The Department of Health's Coronial Review Committee has reviewed these findings and made enquiries with relevant stakeholders across the WA health system.

On 18 December 2017, the Honourable John Quigley, Attorney General, announced State Government funding to install a CT scanner in the State Mortuary at the QEII Medical Centre, with further funding to be allocated over four years for staffing, maintenance and other costs.

Of the four recommendations made by the coroner, two were considered out of scope for the WA health system and the other two have been duly considered and deemed closed.

¹ Now part of the Department of Communities