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Dear Ms MacDonald

Thank you for your letter of 28 November 2024 regarding the Deputy State Coroner's findings and recommendations relating to the inquest into the death of Chloe Grace Tupper.

I am sorry to hear about the circumstances surrounding the death of Ms Tupper and acknowledge the grief of her family and her loved ones. I note the recommendations made by the Deputy State Coroner. With regard to recommendation 1, I can advise that WA Health currently captures hospital-based activity related to public eating disorder activity and will continue to do so.

The Mental Health Commission (Commission) supports proposed Recommendation 2. The Western Australian Eating Disorders Framework 2025-2030 (the Framework) aims to provide a state-wide coordinated approach that supports an individualised, comprehensive, equitable, and culturally responsive system of care for those impacted by eating disorders.

The Framework has been informed by previous consultations undertaken to guide eating disorders services and programs in Western Australia; consideration of current programs and services; outcomes of national and state consultation undertaken by the National Eating Disorders Collaboration in the development of the National Eating Disorders Strategy 2023-2033; targeted engagement with members of the community, government, non-government, private organisations and service providers; and guidance from the Western Australian Eating Disorders Framework Advisory Group (Advisory Group). The Advisory Group, which included clinical, lived experience, research and service provider expertise, met on several occasions to inform the Framework's strategic directions.

Evidence-based approaches, primary care and the transition of children to adult care across are recognised in the Framework across its guiding principles, focus areas and strategic priorities. The Framework identifies key strategies and actions, that align with the Recommendations of the Inquest, including the need to further invest in prevention and early intervention and increased community-based support to ensure that people remain well and receive the support they need as early as possible.

The implementation of the Framework will be overseen by mental health, alcohol and other drug governance arrangements in Western Australia, including the Commission.

On 25 February 2025, the Department of Health's Coronial Review Committee will meet to review the inquest findings. The Committee will determine what actions should be taken to address the findings and identify any opportunities for improvement across the WA health system. Appropriate stakeholders will be responsible for developing strategies for implementation, this will include consultation with other relevant government agencies where required.

Any actions taken by the public health system in response to the recommendations will be included in the Coronial Liaison Unit's routine six-monthly progress reports to the State Coroner. I trust that this information, and that provided in the ongoing six-monthly reports, will assist the State Coroner to fulfil the annual reporting requirements to the Attorney General.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Kind regards


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