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Dear Abid:

RE: JOSHUA ALSTON – Public Fatality Inquiry, Response to Recommendations

Thank you for providing the Honourable Judge P.G. Pharo's report. This letter is to provide a response to the two recommendations potentially impacting AHS.

Recommendation 1

Better Recording of Health Care Medication Requests and Follow-Up – It is recommended that all inmate requests for medication, and subsequent follow-ups be recorded by AHS staff.

Response

AHS accepts this recommendation. AHS has a Clinical Documentation Directive 1173, and Clinical Documentation Process 1173-01 that outlines these documentation requirements. AHS commits to reminding healthcare professionals about their practice standards and policy requirements related to documentation of patient requests in the form of an official memo with follow-up education from the clinical nurse educators. A spot audit for compliance will be completed within 6 months of education.

Recommendation 2

Check Connectcare for Mental Health and Suicide Issues on Admission – It is recommended that if an inmate reports any mental health concerns, or suicidal ideation on admission to LCC, Connectcare should be checked for hospital admission and discharge records, and pharmacy records with appropriate notes to be made on the inmate's records.

Response

AHS accepts this recommendation. It is standard practice for health professionals and expected pursuant to further guidance within the Correctional Health Services Safe Transitions Framework document to review the previous health records on admission. Audits for this practice are already in place and will continue to ensure compliance with requirements.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

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