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Dear Teresa Foley:

**Subject: Thelma Eileen Williams – Public Fatality Inquiry
Response to Recommendations**

Please find enclosed a copy of the Honourable Judge Joyce L. Lester's report to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General. This report will be publicly released on February 20, 2019.

The following recommendations made by Her Honour may impact Alberta Health Services:

1. A better communication procedure must be in place when hospital physicians "sign out" or transfer patients to the relief physician when their shifts end.
2. An adequate communication procedure that addresses communication among hospital staff as well as between families and hospital staff must be in place for the discharge of patients.
3. A communication procedure regarding the autopsy decision must be in place between family members and ER physicians.

I ask that you please advise the following:

1. Whether Alberta Health Services accepts, accepts in principle, does not accept, or has a different response to each recommendation;
2. A brief explanation of why that decision was made; and
3. If Alberta Health Services intends to accept the recommendations, or to implement different measures, what steps will be taken in that regard.

A response to this enquiry is not mandatory. However, be advised that any response received will be publicly released and posted on the Open Government Portal:

<https://open.alberta.ca/opendata/responses-to-public-fatality-inquiry-recommendations>.

If a response has not been received by June 20, 2019, that information will also be made publicly available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Fuchinsky
Fatality Inquiry Coordinator
Enclosure