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Dear Ms Vardon

Thank you for your letter dated 10 June 2020, regarding the establishment of operational guidelines for internal agency reviews under the *Child Protection Act 1999*.

Queensland Health has reviewed the Queensland Family and Child Commission *Operational Guidelines: For internal reviews following the death or serious physical injury of a child known to the child protection system* (the Guideline). I confirm my approval and endorsement of the Guideline and note that it will be published on the Queensland Family and Child Commission website.

In regard to the requirement for agencies to develop internal policies which align with the Guideline on how reviews are conducted following the death or serious physical injury of a child, I can advise that a Queensland Health Child Death Review Guideline is currently being finalised. An expert reference group, comprising Department of Health and Hospital and Health Service representatives, will guide operationalisation of the new child death review model and the development of resources to support Hospital and Health Services to implement internal reviews.

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Yours sincerely



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Director-General
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