Inquest into the death of Pasquale Rosario Giorgio

Pasquale Rosario Giorgio died from ischaemic cardiomyopathy following a period of restraint by police officers.

Deputy State Coroner John Lock delivered his findings of inquest on 11 September 2018.

The Queensland Government responds to recommendations directed to government agencies at inquests by informing the community if a recommendation will be implemented or the reason why a recommendation is not supported.

The departments named in this response will provide implementation updates until the recommendation is delivered. Further information relating the implementation of recommendations can be obtained from the responsible minister named in the response.

**Recommendation 1**

Education specialists from both Queensland Police Service and Queensland Ambulance Service jointly review the circumstances of Mr Giorgio’s death and identify the most appropriate means for enhancing the ability of police officers to respond more effectively to similar circumstances in the future.

Response and action: implementation of the recommendation is in progress.

Responsible agency: Queensland Police Service (lead) supported by Queensland Health.

On 2 May 2019 the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective services and the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services responded:

The Queensland Ambulance Services assisted in the review of Queensland Police Service’s education packages to ensure they meet the emerging needs of officers to recognise individuals suffering an acute clinical deterioration and the actions to take. Education specialists from both agencies met and agreed that under oversight of the Queensland Ambulance Services medical director, the education specialists will collaborate to develop a suitable education package.

The Queensland Police Service will also incorporate early identification of abnormal breathing and early warning signs into the 2019-20 annual operational skills online training and the revised elements of the tactical first aid training for all police officers.

**Recommendation 2**

The first aid capability of Queensland Police Service vehicles be reviewed to ensure they carry basic equipment such as mouth to face masks.

Response and action: implementation of the recommendation is in progress.

Responsible agency: Queensland Police Service

On 2 May 2019 the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective services responded:

The first aid capability of Queensland Police Service vehicles is currently under review. A number of recommendations are being considered including replacing the disposable face shields, currently issued to each police vehicle, with mouth-to-face resuscitation masks with filters.