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Ms. Lisa Lapointe  
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Dear Ms. Lapointe:

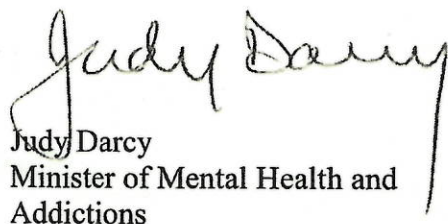
Thank you for your recent report, *BC Coroners Service Death Review Panel: A Review of Illicit Drug Overdoses*. We appreciate the work of the Death Review Panel in its review of illicit drug overdose deaths. This report enhances our knowledge of the circumstances and risk factors associated with overdose deaths and provides valuable insights to inform the provincial response to the overdose public health emergency going forward.


The Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General remain committed to escalating the provincial response to the overdose emergency and accept all of the recommendations from the Death Review Panel.


An Assistant Deputy Minister's Committee has been established to coordinate implementation and provide a joint response to the panel's recommendations. Significant progress and investment is already underway and the committee will provide updates on progress in September 2018 and April 2019, and a final response in September 2019.

Please direct any questions to the committee chair, Taryn Walsh, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, at [Taryn.Walsh@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Taryn.Walsh@gov.bc.ca). Thank you for your continued work to support the provincial response to the overdose emergency.

Sincerely,

  
Judy Darcy  
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Minister of Health

  
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