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Dear Family Member

There has been recent media coverage of allegations of assault by Victorian neurologist Dr Andrew Churchyard who was charged by police following a complaint made by patients.

We are shocked and saddened by these allegations and understand that the news may be distressing.

Given the seriousness of this situation, we are writing to family members of residents of our group homes.

We want to assure you that we are not aware of any allegations relating to your family member.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency has commissioned an independent review into the matter and will be reporting the findings to government.

If you would like to get in contact with us to discuss any concerns you may have or to seek advice regarding support services please call 1800 783 783.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Secretary
South Division

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