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Dear Professor Perry and Dr Dale

Re: The management of urinary tract infections by community pharmacists: A state-wide trial

I refer to your letter of Thursday 5 May 2022 addressed to Professor Conor Brophy, Chair University Human Research Ethics Committee. I note your request for clarity on the University's role in the management of urinary tract infections by community pharmacists.

The University entered into a contract Funding Agreement with Queensland Health through a public Request for Quote AH002107 in relation to the management of urinary tract infections by community pharmacists, including the management and implementation of a pilot project based on a review of proven models of care and a service evaluation.

The University acting on behalf of a consortium that included a collaboration of academics from Queensland Pharmacy Schools and representatives from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia and Pharmaceutical Society of Australia established a steering reference group to oversee the pilot project. Professor Lisa Nissen, QUT Academic, Chaired the steering reference group. The pilot was implemented as part of standard care using standard work practices known to Pharmacists and included a research component to evaluate the clinical service provision using non-identifiable clinical records. The research evaluation component was reviewed by the University Human Research Ethics Committee (UHREC).

I note your concerns regarding the pilot evaluation with respect to its independence and reporting of patient incidents. The pilot was overseen by a consortium of experts with experience and knowledge of the Pharmacy sector, its service provision and culture. This was integral to the conduct of the pilot and its implementation. The research evaluation of the pilot was limited to the experience of the service provision by pharmacists and patient participants only.

Your correspondence refers to other matters specific to data collection and its evaluation as part of the state-wide trial. The University is bound by the terms of the Funding agreement with respect to provision of data and reports. Please direct all further enquiries to Queensland Health.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Yates'.

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