

Press Statement

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re. Mrs Gwendoline Hopper

Director of nursing at the RUH, Francesca Thompson says: "We offer our sincere condolences to Mrs Hopper's family at this very sad time.

"The trust has only recently received notification from the coroner's office that there is to be an inquest into Mrs Hopper's death.

"We sincerely regret that we had not previously been contacted by Mrs Hopper's family to make us aware of their concerns. We have since been trying to make contact with them by telephone.

"If the family would like to contact us directly, we would welcome an opportunity to meet with them to understand their concerns. We will then be better placed to carry out a more informed investigation through the hospitals complaints procedure."

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