

Press Statement

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Re: Lord Mancroft

Statement from James Scott, the Chief Executive of the Royal United Hospital, Bath

“Lord Mancroft was a patient at the Royal United Hospital Bath in early August of last year, some seven months ago. He made no complaint about his stay at the hospital at the time but we have contacted him to discuss this matter now that he has chosen to speak about it so long after the event.

“He has made very serious allegations against a group of dedicated, professionals who are committed to helping people in need. I believe it is wrong to make allegations like this without putting any evidence before us or giving us the opportunity to respond. If Lord Mancroft has any evidence to support these allegations or could identify the nurses against whom he has made these allegations he has a clear public duty to inform us.

“I hope Lord Mancroft will now reflect on the damage he has done to the general reputation and moral standing of the nursing profession and the impact this has had on the 1600 nursing staff at the RUH who are extremely distressed and upset at his comments.”

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