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**PRESS STATEMENT**  
***Jacques Yvon Deenmamode***

Jacques Yvon Deenmamode was dismissed by the Royal United Hospital NHS Trust in February 2006 because he failed to report the error he had made in wrongly administering insulin to a patient. He failed to admit to his error at the time, but staff quickly realized what he had done when the patient went into hypoglycaemic shock, a condition caused by a lack of blood sugar.

The Trust considers the fact that not only did this ex-member of staff make an error in giving a patient the wrong drug, but also that he deliberately failed to report what he had done, to be extremely serious and he was therefore dismissed following a full investigation

The Trust has worked hard to create a culture where staff are able to talk about their mistakes and the Nursing and Midwifery Council registration is very precise about the responsibility of staff to own up to mistakes as quickly as possible.

At the RUH, in addition to the usual night teams, at least one if not 2 senior nurses on duty called night nurse practitioners every night. Their role is to support, coach and educate more junior staff. We also monitor closely the extra shifts/hours that all nurses are working in order to prevent getting over tired.

.Mr Deenmamode was issued with a substantive striking off order on Friday last week by the Nursing and Midwifery Council. Due to a 28 day appeal process he has also been issued with an interim suspension order, effective from Friday 27th June.

If he does not appeal, the striking off order takes effect in 28 days and lasts for 5 years. Should he appeal the suspension order lasts for 18 months during which the appeal outcome should be known.

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