

## PRESS STATEMENT

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### STATEMENT RE CONCERNS FROM MP

Aaron Cummins, Chief Executive, University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust, said: “We have, over a number of years, been dealing with the issues raised by patients, and colleagues including Mr Duffy, about the urology department.

“This culminated in 2016, when we invited the Royal College of Surgeons to carry out a review of the department. We have implemented the actions they recommended, and in the autumn we will be undertaking a peer review of the department by expert clinicians from another Trust to ensure that the actions have been fully embedded and ensure nothing further is required.

“Our Trust has a long memory and we have and will continue to learn the lessons from our past. As an organisation we promote whistleblowing – raising concerns is an important part of being able to learn, grow and improve our services. No-one need fear speaking out in our Trust, and this is why we share our learning from our past mistakes with every new member of staff at their induction and encourage them to speak up if they have any concerns about any aspect of our services.

“Redactions to FOIs are made to fully comply with the law and ensure patient confidentiality – however we will review our responses to ensure we provide openness without jeopardising the confidentiality we have to maintain for our patients.

“We have on previous occasions met and discussed these issues with Amy Fenton, and have offered to meet with and discuss any aspect of this issue with John Woodcock, who is a valued local MP. We will read Mr Duffy’s book and take any additional action necessary to continue to ensure our services are safe for our patients.”

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**Notes to editors:**

1. For further information, please contact the communications team on the above email as indicated above.
2. Bay Health and Care Partners is made up of the following organisations: University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust, Morecambe Bay Clinical Commissioning Group, GP Provider Alliance, Lancashire County Council, Cumbria County Council, Lancashire Care Foundation Trust, NWAS and Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.