

## PRESS STATEMENT

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### STATEMENT ON PETER DUFFY EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL

David Wilkinson, Director of People and Organisational Development, UHMBT, said: “As is usual in any dispute both parties’ solicitors will be in touch with each other prior to the case taking place in public. In this case the Trust’s solicitors will have contacted Mr Duffy’s solicitors explaining the potential costs should the tribunal find in the Trust’s favour.

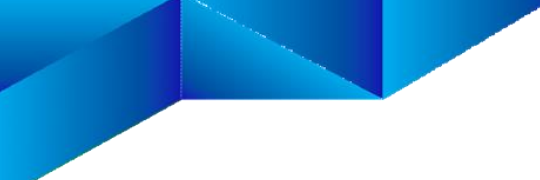
“Costs warnings set out the detailed reasons that either party considers that a claim or defence will fail and set out the implications on the other party if that party is unsuccessful in their claim or defence

“As is standard practice, the letter made it plain that if an agreement was made, although the terms of the agreement would remain confidential and both parties would agree not to make derogatory comments about the other, the letter included a specific clause ensuring issues of patient safety and patient care should still be raised, in no way preventing whistleblowing.”

**ENDS**

#### Notes to editors:

1. For further information, please contact the communications team on 01539 716 675 or by email as indicated above.

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2. The NHS turned 70 on 5 July 2018. It's the perfect opportunity to celebrate the achievements of one of the nation's most loved institutions and to thank the extraordinary NHS staff - who are always there to care for local communities. More information on NHS70 can be found at: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs70/>.

