

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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Dr Shahedal Bari, Medical Director of UHMBT, said: “We have made a lot of improvements to our Urology service over the last few years and we are confident it is safe.

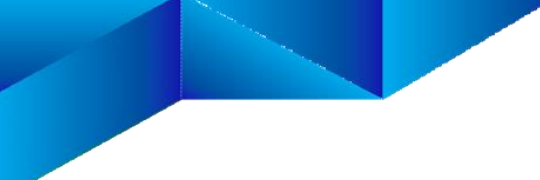
However, following historic concerns raised by a former employee - Mr Peter Duffy in his book ‘Whistle in the Wind’ - we have revisited our safety metrics as per NHS standards and we want to reassure ourselves, our patients and the communities that we serve.

“We have, therefore, invited NHS Improvement and NHS England to carry out an independent review of the concerns that have been raised.

“Our Chief Executive, Aaron Cummins, has also invited Mr Duffy to meet with him to discuss his experiences so that we can make sure that we have investigated all of the concerns about patient care that he has raised in his book.

“The Royal College of Surgeons (RCS) carried out an invited independent review of our Urology services in 2016 and the recommendations were delivered. We are commissioning another Trust to review whether we have addressed the RCS’ recommendations.

“Once these independent reviews have taken place we will publish the findings, including any further actions that may be required as a result.



“We would like to thank our staff for their continued hard work during this time of scrutiny.”

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