

MEDIA STATEMENT

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STATEMENT: MP LETTER REGARDING UROLOGY SERVICE

Aaron Cummins, Chief Executive for University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay (UHMBT), said: “We welcome any independent scrutiny of our urology service and the concerns raised by former consultant Peter Duffy.

“Since concerns were raised, we have carried out a number of different investigations into the service, and into the practices of different clinicians. These included an invited visit by the Royal College of Surgeons in 2015, which resulted in a number of recommendations.

“Whilst we believe we operate a safe service for our patients, because of the concerns which have been raised, we had already announced our intention to seek an independent peer review, both to ensure that the recommendations of the Royal College of Surgeons review had been implemented, and to make sure there were no further issues within the department.

“We have continued to keep the Care Quality Commission, NHS England and NHS Improvement and our own Clinical Commissioning Group informed of our ongoing actions and they have continued to be supportive of our efforts.

“Our intention throughout is to ensure the safety of our patients and we will continue to welcome any efforts to reassure them that our urology service is safe.

“While not dismissing any concerns, I want to acknowledge that our Trust has a dedicated team within our urology service who are working hard providing the service for our patients.”

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Notes to editors:

1. For further information, please contact the communications team on 01524 518 964 or by emailing comms.team@mbht.nhs.uk
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.
3. Clinical leaders from across all organisations have designed a new clinical model of care for Morecambe Bay, through a series of design workshops and clinical input. The new care models have been strongly influenced by the wide-ranging engagement with stakeholders which has taken place over the past three years.