

MEDIA STATEMENT

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QUERY FROM NW MAIL REGARDING LETTER RECEIVED FROM GMC FOLLOWING REFERRAL FROM GMC

Could I have a comment please, on the GMC considering whether or not to launch a fitness to practice investigation following a referral?

STATEMENT

Shahedal Bari, Medical Director, University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust (UHMBT), said: "The work of the GMC is set out by the Medical Act 1983 and it covers five areas. One of these is investigating concerns raised about a doctor's practice.

"If the GMC decides to investigate a doctor in our employment we would always provide them with any information they require to assist them in their work.

"The Trust has asked NHS England/Improvement to commission an independent investigation into the urology service following concerns that have been raised and we are awaiting their response.

"We will continue to work with all agencies involved in scrutinizing our care to ensure we continue to offer a safe 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 (BHCP) include: University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust (UHMBT); Morecambe Bay Clinical Commissioning Group (MBCCG); Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust ; GP Providers Alliance; Cumbria County Council; Lancashire County Council. In addition, the following organisations contribute to Bay Health and Care Partners, Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT) and North West Ambulance Service (NWAS). BHCP's vision is: To see a network of communities across Morecambe Bay enjoying great physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, supported by a health and care system that is recognised as being as good as it gets.