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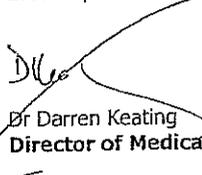
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Dear All

Since my return from leave, I have become very aware that all medical staff at BBH are very unhappy with the recent events leading up to Dr Patel's resignation. The lack of natural justice afforded to Dr Patel so as to respond to the allegations, due to the leaking of an internal letter to a local MP who tabled this letter in parliament to his political advantage, is scurrilous. The potential damage to the working relationship between medical and nursing staff at BBH is very worrying.

Nevertheless patient care must continue and I ask you to continue to perform your jobs to your normal high standard while continuing to build upon the professional links that exist in all departments. Locums have been arranged from 11 Apr while interviews are occurring shortly for the Director of Surgery position and I hope it is filled as soon as possible.

This incident provides an opportunity to ensure that nothing similar occurs in the future. I would welcome your feedback (in whatever form) about what strategies should be used to prevent a similar occurrence.


Dr Darren Keating
Director of Medical Services

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