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SWSAHS stands by statement

South Western Sydney Area Health Service (SWSAHS) stands by its statement that the son of the patient at the centre of euthanasia allegations authorised the hospital to state publicly that at the time of his mother's hospitalisation in 1999 he had no concerns about her care at Liverpool Hospital.

Senior management at the hospital spoke to the next of kin in good faith on the day the allegations appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* (January 23 2004) to let him know the patient at the centre of allegations was his mother.

SWSAHS acknowledges there is now a dispute about what was said and regrets this dispute.

The area health service has offered the son support and counselling and access to any information required.

SWSAHS is taking the allegations of euthanasia very seriously and is cooperating fully with police investigating the matter.

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