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Media statement Liverpool Hospital

Senior clinical and management staff of Liverpool Hospital have today reviewed the care of a patient at the centre of euthanasia allegations.

Following an initial case review, the hospital strongly refutes any allegations of euthanasia concerning the female patient who was treated in the Intensive Care Unit of Liverpool Hospital.

The hospital is cooperating fully with a police investigation and the Coroner's Office with patient records being made available today.

All available documentation has also been made accessible to the HCCC.

The next of kin have been contacted and the son of the patient concerned has authorised the hospital to state publicly that he had no concerns about the care provided to his mother at Liverpool Hospital.

The family has asked that the matter be treated in confidence and that their privacy be respected.

There appears to be no link between events surrounding the patient's death as stated in the media today and the referral of a nurse to the Nurses Registration Board.

Based on advice received, there was a three year gap between the allegations raised today and the nurse being referred to the Nurses Registration Board.

An investigation by the Nurses Registration Board subsequently found the nurse to be impaired.

South Western Sydney Area Health Service would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns raised by this nurse.

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