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**MID STAFFORDSHIRE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST -
WORST SCANDAL SINCE MAIDSTONE**

Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA) – the charity for patient safety and justice, has branded the revelation of failings at Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust as the worst scandal to hit the NHS since Maidstone.

Chief Executive, Peter Walsh, said:

“The Healthcare Commission report is a damning indictment of management failure at the trust, and a culture where artificial targets are allowed to take precedence over patient safety and patient care. It also underlines the need for the NHS systems for monitoring quality and safety in our hospitals to be beefed up – it should not have taken until now for the faults to emerge”.

AvMA will be doing all it can to advise and support families who may have been affected by substandard care at Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust. AvMA’s Helpline number for free and confidential advice is 0845 123 2352 (Mon-Fri 10 am – 5 pm). Website: www.avma.org.uk

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