



PRESS RELEASE

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**OUT OF HOURS GP COVER STATEMENT BY CARE QUALITY
COMMISSION WELCOME – BUT WIDER REVIEW NEEDED**

Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA) – the charity for patient safety & justice – has welcomed the statement by the Care Quality Commission calling for an urgent review of how PCTs monitor out of hours GP cover in the light of the investigation following the tragic death caused by the German doctor, Dr Ubani. However, the charity is calling for a wider review of how out of hours care is organized. AvMA has been providing advice and support to the sons of Mr Gray, who was unintentionally killed by a massive overdose administered by Dr Ubani, and has been lobbying alongside them for a review of out of hours services.

AvMA chief executive Peter Walsh said:

“The CQC statement is refreshingly different from the rather complacent reaction we got from some quarters when we first called for urgent action. However a wider review is necessary. No one would design out of hours cover the way it is now if they started with a blank piece of paper and had patient safety in mind.”

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