

Core brief

Tuesday, 22 January 2019

Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive

Dear colleague

You will be aware that we are investigating two isolated cases of Cryptococcus at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport visited the hospital today to speak to staff, management and patients and families about the issue.

She has been reassured that patient safety is our top priority.

She has also agreed that an external expert advisor will work with us on a review of the fabric of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital to include a review of the design, commissioning, and maintenance programme.

The Cabinet Secretary updated the Scottish Parliament on this review this afternoon. She also informed Parliament of a separate issue involving two patients who have tested positive with another fungal organism, one of whom is being treated for infection. The other does not require treatment.

The likely source has been identified and repaired but other investigations continue.

It's important to remind ourselves that the staff at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital provide excellent care to the many thousands of patients admitted every year and that standardised mortality rates are lower than the Scottish average.

We will continue to update staff of any relevant developments.

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