Press Statement:

A hospital spokesman said:

"We have a very sick teenage girl who has been a patient at the hospital for some months and who is now critically ill. The exact nature of the disease is not yet established and we are awaiting the results of tests being carried out in a specialist unit in Scotland."

One possibility is that the patient is suffering from Creutzfeldt-Jacobs Disease, but this has not been confirmed.

The general public have no cause whatsoever to be alarmed but as with the normal practice of the hospital, the treatment and care of any patient must remain confidential.

For the attention of Joanne Shone, and Evening Leader
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