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January 17, 2017 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The senior management team of the May Pen Hospital on Monday, January 16 met with Ms. Nadine Dennis, mother of three year old, Andrew Stephens who died while undergoing treatment at the May Pen Hospital on January 6, 2017.

Ms. Dennis had expressed serious concerns about the level of care given to her child at the May Pen Hospital when she had taken him to the Accident and Emergency Department at 3:50 a.m. on January 6, 2017 with a complaint of vomiting, but was sent home. She returned with him to the hospital later that evening at 9:00 p.m. where he was reassessed and a deterioration in his condition was observed. Efforts were made to resuscitate the child, but unfortunately he died.

The Hospital has noted the seriousness of these allegations and is treating the matter as such. The meeting forms part of the ongoing and in-depth investigation into this matter and the hospital will continue to provide an update of its findings.

The Hospital has extended counseling support to Ms. Dennis and her family, and it has been accepted. The Southern Regional Health Authority and the May Pen Hospital once again offer its deepest sympathies to Ms Dennis and her family for their loss.

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