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Dear Mr Massey and Professor Dame MacEwen,

I am writing to formally raise serious concerns regarding the conduct of Dr Eastland Staveley.

It has been reported that Dr Staveley previously served in the Israel Defense Forces, an organisation currently under investigation by international legal bodies, including the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court, in relation to alleged war crimes and potential acts of genocide in Gaza.

Of particular concern are statements attributed to Dr Staveley on social media. When asked how many Palestinian babies he had “sniped,” he is reported to have responded, “not enough.” This statement is profoundly disturbing and wholly incompatible with the ethical standards expected of a medical professional. Any expression that appears to endorse or trivialise the killing of civilians, especially infants, raises serious questions about a doctor’s fitness to practise.

Given the gravity of these comments, I believe this matter warrants immediate referral to the police for assessment, as well as urgent investigation by the General Medical Council and relevant NHS bodies.

I wish to highlight what appears to be an inconsistency in regulatory responses. A number of doctors — including Dr Rehiana Ali, Dr Ranjeet Brar, Dr Rahmeh Aladwan, Professor Abu Sitta and Dr Ellen Kriessells — have reportedly faced disciplinary action for publicly criticising Israel’s actions in Gaza, on the basis that some Jewish patients felt unsafe. It is therefore reasonable to ask whether Muslim, Palestinian, or other patients might feel equally unsafe being treated by a doctor who is alleged to have made statements endorsing the killing of babies.

Professional standards must be applied consistently, without fear or favour. Any perception of double standards risks undermining trust in the GMC and the NHS.

In light of the seriousness of these allegations, I respectfully request that:

- Dr Staveley be suspended pending investigation.
- A full and transparent inquiry be undertaken into his conduct; and

- Appropriate action be taken should the allegations be substantiated.

I further request that a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Wes Streeting MP, and that I be informed of any response he provides regarding this matter.

I would appreciate a written response to this letter within seven working days.

Yours sincerely,