

Can't thank you enough!

On behalf of

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We would like to thank you
for the care and attention you
gave him. Most of all your
~~most~~ understanding of his
mental health.

From the

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To Aidan + Personal Information
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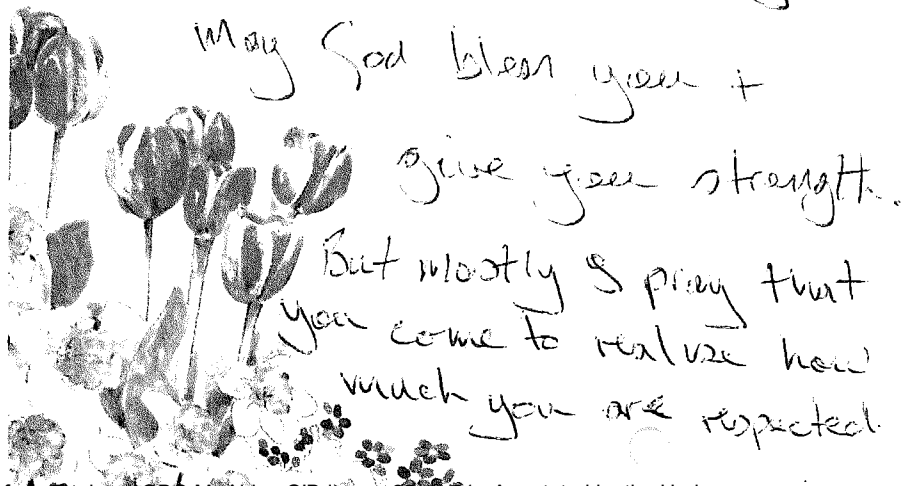
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Today, I hope that Easter will
bring you a sense of peace. You
are an unsung hero in all our eyes.
Everyone I speak to has a great word to
say about you - and they are right.

May God bless you
at Easter time and always.



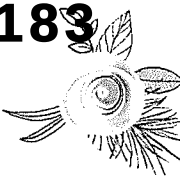
May God bless you +
give you strength.
But mostly I pray that
you come to realize how
much you are respected.

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Sep Sep 21

AOB-20183



Dear Aidan,

*This just
comes to say
you are being
thought about
every day*

Just a little note to let you know that you
are in my thoughts and prayers. It was an
honour and a pleasure to work with you in
2 south and in the Thorndale Unit. You are a
wonderful gentleman and a kind and compassionate
doctor. Sending you best wishes from myself
and my family.

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JUST A SMALL TOKEN
OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR
YOUR KINDNESS TO NUNNY
AND SUPPORT TO US
GIRLS, AT A DIFFICULT TIME
IN OUR LIVES.

WE WILL ALWAYS BE
GRATEFUL TO YOU AND
YOUR STAFF.

many thanks.

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To, Aidan,

Dear Mr O'Brien

Thank you very much
for your recent correspondence.

I was delighted to hear from you
and I hope you are keeping well.

I was aware of the issues
regarding the public inquiry and
hope there is a positive outcome
for you.

Since my surgery and treatment
I have been doing very well and
I will always be deeply indebted
to you for the excellent care and
attention given to me.

P.T.O.

Your kindness
is appreciated

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Best wishes to you and
your family at this difficult
time. You will be very
much in my thoughts and
prayers.

To, Aidan,

Your kindness
is appreciated

Dear Mr O'Brien,

We are thinking
about you and all your
family & wish you
all the best, and
that you will be exonerated
and able to enjoy your
well deserved retirement!

God Bless & Best
wishes

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Procedure with you.

I am relating these details to you, hoping that you may remember us.

We certainly remember you Dr Aidan. You are a special human being. Your caring character was so evident & important to [redacted] on that visit. Bless you Aidan & your wife & family. She was also lovely to speak with. xx

We, the [redacted] family were shocked & heartbroken when we learned that allegations from 'The Trust' ^{were} ~~(was)~~ _{oops} made against you.

We do not believe this, and we are totally confident that this 'nightmare' will be behind you & yours before long.

After 40 years this is ^{an} unbelievable and traumatic, unfair experience to endure. You will be strong Aidan, you have a lot of support, and you will come through as the special Dr you are. (Back page)

19th Aug 2022
AOB-20188

Dear Dr Aidan,

I am sending this card on behalf of my brother [redacted]

He and I visited you in your home around Sep/Oct '19.

Such an informative, relaxing no waffle & clear path, moving forward appointment we had with you.

You had all the time in the world for us and when asked, by myself, to explain the male bladder & prostate to us you immediately 'drew a picture' so we understood more clearly the process that was facing with self catheterisation. [redacted] was taken into.

Bluestone and you & I chatted about his upcoming

gain) THIS CARD IS BLANK INSIDE
 wanted to find the support
 and today I did. Honest
 beings have spoken from their
 and I will too - on behalf of
 other [REDACTED]
 (patient of yours) He too cannot
 you enough for your care
 your unstinting dedication to
 as a n. Health patient. You
 ed them both the same. How
 Consultants have the
 ility to achieve that Aidan?
 Again, I bless you &
 yours

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Much



...because the
thoughtfulness you show
means more than you
could ever know.

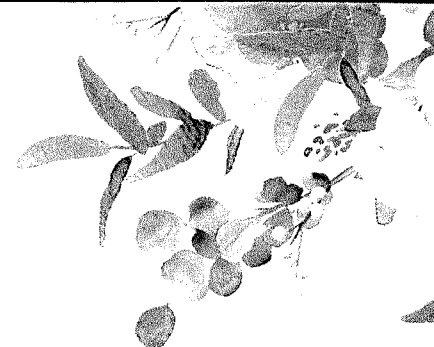
Dear Mr. Brew

We would like to thank you for all
your help over the years.

We both really appreciate what you
have done for us. We will never forget
what you have done, and we will not
be contacting the Joint Medical Director.
We wish you all the best for the
future.

Yours Sincerely
[Redacted Signature]

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Thank you so much
[Redacted Address]

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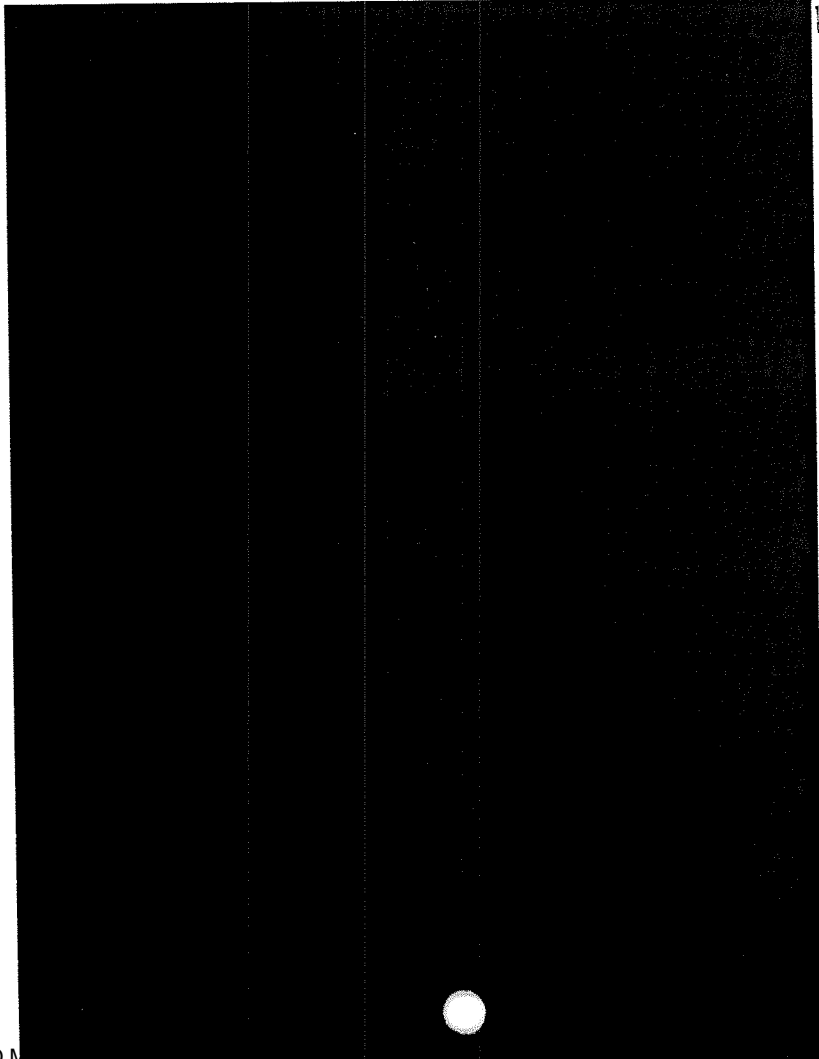
Best Wishes

Dear Sir O'Brien

I wish to offer
our unconditional
support to you and
your family during
your quest to resolve
the medical enquiry

I wish to thank you
for your professional and
caring attention you afforded
my sister [REDACTED]
as a former patient

to unreservedly support your
family going forward. [REDACTED]



Mr O'Brien

PATIENT

We just wanted you to know that you are very much in our thoughts & prayers at this difficult time.

We know first hand, the kind, caring, compassionate, dedicated and devoted Doctor you are and always have been.

We are 100% behind you & we'll be keeping you in our Prayers.

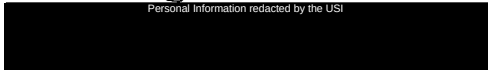
Thank you so much for all you have done for both our families.

All our love & Best Wishes

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Dear Mr O'Brien,

Following a conversation with my
G.P.  I was very
sorry to hear about the
accusations made against you
as reported in the media.

When I was first referred to
urology in 1994 you were my
consultant and I had and still
have the fullest confidence in you.
In 1999 I was transferred to Mr
Yang but I would often meet
you on the ward.

I am sorry that you and your family are being put through this terrible ordeal and hope for a happy outcome for you

Yours faithfully,

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AOB-20195

November 2020

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Dear Mr O'Brien,

I hope you don't mind me taking the liberty to contact you. I am a fellow Consultant in the Southern Trust, based at Daisyhill. I don't think we ever met, though I think you know my mother well, [redacted], a recovery Nurse.

I want to express solidarity & support to you, with the planned enquiry. My mother has nothing but praise for you as a brilliant Surgeon & a kind Doctor.

I have requested a mass
& I hope the truth prevails.
I hope the enquiry shows
you to be the excellent &
caring Doctor that you are.
Known to be.

Meantime, I really hope you
can enjoy your retirement, which
you so deserve to do.

My thoughts are with you & I
hope God gives you the strength
to get through this, whilst
also enjoying your Retirement.

Keep Strong & keep the Fighting Spirit!
Defend your good name.
Yours faithfully,

PATIENT
DEC 2020

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Dear Mr O'Brien,

I am writing to let you know that you have my complete support at this very difficult time for you and your family.

You removed a grade 3 Conerous Kidney from me and give me back my life and I will be eternally grateful to you.

Your dedication and professionalism is a gift from God and you have used this gift to heal countless people in your long career. I hope this letter will bring you some comfort.

You are and always will be one of life's true gentlemen and it has been my good fortune to be your patient. God Bless you.

Yours faithfully

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7/2/21

Dear Mr O'Brien,

I hope you and all your family are well. I realize this must be a very difficult time for all of you.

It is absolutely disgraceful the way you have been treated!

I hope that the support of your family, friends and colleagues gives you some solace.

I worked as a staff nurse in

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and I can honestly say that it was always a pleasure to work with you.

You are a perfect gentleman, always

Courteous, Compassionate, Conscientious,
dedicated professional to all staff,
patients, parents and relatives.
Your patient notes were always
diligently written up in your wonderful
handwriting, admired by all of us.

Our family have never forgotten how
fantastic you were with my [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (R.I.P.) and the brilliant surgery
you performed to remove her bladder
cancer. You left her with a very
neat stoma which was easy for me
to deal with.

I know you liked [REDACTED] and enjoyed
her sense of humour. We also
appreciated the fact that you didn't
forget about her and continued to
enquire about her when you met me at work.

Having seen and experienced the
way CAH management treated the
staff in [REDACTED] in the past. (resulting

in the senior staff nurses leaving as soon as possible before they could tarnish our names!!) I know that they are rotten to the core and continue to get away with fake accusations and have never been held to account for the damage they have caused to staff and the effect on their lives, - even after staff had been exonerated they never even got so much as an apology!

I don't know what else I can say only that you have our full support and if there is anything we can do for you just ring.

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Yours Sincerely

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AOB-20201

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Dear Aidan

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and I were so sorry to learn about

The difficult situation you have been placed in, and

we wanted to assure you and Personal
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redacted by the
USI of our

friendship and support throughout the times ahead.

Both you and Personal
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redacted by the
USI are very much in our
thoughts at this stressful time

with my kindest regards

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Nov 2020

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27th Nov '20

Dear Aidan,

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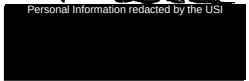
and I were appalled at the news item on BBC on Tuesday last. With untimely passing on the same day it would be easy to forget other matters. However and I had both resolved, when the news ended, to write to you to offer our support.

We have both long admired your professionalism but I never imagined that I would have to call upon it.

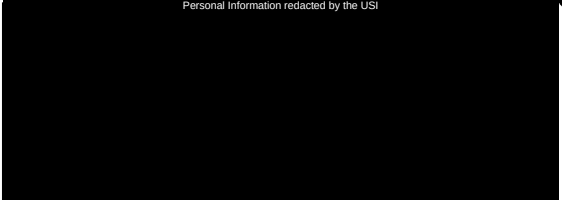
Following my diagnosis I must confess to a considerable degree of apprehension. At insistence I agreed to trouble you

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for a second opinion and we
are both so glad that we did.
It was only after our conversation
and your advice on my prognosis
and monitoring regime, that I
felt able to relax.

 in particular was so
relieved to have the reassurance
of such an acknowledged expert.

I would like you to know
again how much I appreciated
your attention and assure you
that if I can offer any
practical assistance or support
in what lies ahead, I would
be only too happy to do so.

Yours sincerely


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13/1/21

Dear MR O'Brien

I worked with you for many years in C.A.H. and you were very responsible in your diagnosis and administration to patients.

I was really upset by an article that I read in the paper about your professionalism and as a SRN for over 40 years I never had any reason to question any decision you ever made on diagnosis of any patient.

You were a pleasure to work for and that speaks for the rest of the team as well.

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Dear Aidan,

Thinking and praying for you, and family at this time. I will always remember your kindness, both as a brilliant student and a true professional as a consultant.

One particular instance comes to mind when my mother was seriously ill in Craigavon Hospital, January 2002, I met you on the corridor as you finished duty in the evening and you asked me why I was there. When I told you the reason, you came to the ward and spoke to my mother. Such acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

Yours Sincerely,

AOB-20206

10th December 2020

Dear Aidan,

Just a small token to thank you for your unfailing kindness and expert attention to me during the past 12 years. I knew you were always there to reassure me when things were difficult and I appreciate that so much.

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and I wish you every success and enjoyment in the future.

Yours Sincerely

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PATIENT

Dear Dr O'Brien

Just want it on the record
that I have always found
you to be courteous, caring,
analytical and trusting in
your profession as a doctor.

Your diagnosis has helped and
meant a lot to us.

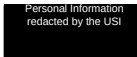
We all believe in you and
trust you have the support
from all you cared for.

Regards -

To Mr. Aidan O'Brien.

10 Dec 2020

Dear Mr O'Brien,

Both  and I were really annoyed when we heard your name mentioned on the BBC a few weeks ago. In fact we could not get you out of our thoughts.

We have spoken to many people about you over the years and all we have ever heard is praise of you. We have heard how you continually went far and beyond your duties in advising, treating operating and caring for your patients.

We have never heard anyone ever say a bad word about you.

We want to thank you for all you have done for us, our wider family circle and our friends in the past.

We wish you a long and happy retirement, which you have earned by your devotion to your patients as a fabulous Doctor.

Yours Sincerely

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Aidan, and

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20.12.20.

You have been in our thoughts recently — we don't know (or want to know) what these allegations are but they are not referring to the gentleman that I/we know and was privileged to have been associated with through our shared profession and also laterally as a patient.

He was a doctor who gave many extra hours to the N.H.S.; a skilled surgeon and a 'proper' consultant who spent time with his patients explaining their problems in a sympathetic, positive and well-informed manner. He has many very grateful patients in the community and beyond.

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Dec. 21st 2020.

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

I do not know the circumstances that have led to this painful, dark time for you but I do know this:

You have long held the admiration and respect of your colleagues and your patients also hold you in the highest regard.

I speak both professionally and personally.

I have witnessed your quiet commitment and dedication ~ walking past me at 2 or 3am heading home. Admitting your patients for day procedures took longer than most as, at the mention of your name, patients would want to tell me of the difference your care made

for them. You made each patient feel they were your only patient.

I speak from personal experience also - shortly after our mother's sudden death in 2002 my sister [redacted] had an appointment at your clinic. Her urology complaint dealt with, you spent time listening to [redacted] and spoke of the loss of your own mother. This was a great comfort to my sister. We will never forget this kindness.

Know that your mother is watching over you now, more than ever. This too will pass.

You are very much in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you and your family this Christmas and throughout 2021.

If there is ever anything I can do for you please let me know.

Yours sincerely [redacted]

16th Dec. 2020

Dear Aidan,

I find it so difficult to write this letter, when I think back to all the communications we had, when I referred and you treated, my patients.

When I began General Practice, in 1974, there is no doubt that Urology was a much neglected and woefully underfunded branch of medicine. However, for most of my 33 yrs in practice, the [redacted] was blessed with two great urologists, yourself and Michael Young.

I know that things have changed but back then we GPs felt we had a personal relationship with each & every one of our consultant colleagues. Over the years you have provided exemplary clinical care to so many of our patients and indeed, to many of my personal friends you have, as well, been a kind,

always P.S. your patients' interests first
I was devastated to hear your clinical
Expertise doubted and discussed so cruelly
in Public

Aidan, please be assured that you
have my full support and that of all the
General Practitioners, Past & Present, in the
[redacted] Over the past few weeks
I have spoken to most of my former
Partners [redacted]

[redacted] and of course
the present crop, including my daughters
[redacted]

Please Aidan, keep your spirits up
you have a huge branch of support
This has been a very difficult year
for us all and you did not deserve
this, after all you have done for our
profession & so soon after your deserved Retirement

If there is anything I do, say,
write or, in any way help please ask me.
Best Wishes

P.S. In the Old Belfast City Hospital were wards 6 & 9
Urology. I remember nurses putting slack

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AOB-20215

Dear Aidan, [redacted] + family,

My sincere condolences to
you [redacted] on the sudden loss of

[redacted] It must have
been a great shock for you and all
the family. You are all in my
prayer.

To you Aidan I wish to say
that I personally like everyone else
I know has the greatest regard for
you as a person and never heard
anything but praise for you as
a diligent, hard working, caring,
accomplished physician. My
thoughts and prayers are with you
at this time.

Take care - God bless,

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Aidan O'Brien FRCSI

28 May 2021

Dear Aidan

I was shocked to hear of allegations concerning your clinical NHS practice. I do not know the details of the allegations but it appears to me that you have been treated in a shameful way.

I am very grateful to you for the thorough, courteous and considerate care you gave to me for prostate cancer prior to your retirement. I am recovering well thanks to your initial care and the ongoing care of Professor David Stuart in Altnagelvin.

I have no doubt that the public questioning of your reputation is traumatic for both yourself and your family. I look forward to the restoration of your reputation in the forthcoming public inquiry.

Beir bua agus beannacht.

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21/5/2021

Dear Aidan,

Thank you for your letter and Trusts review.

I must say I am totally shocked by the situation you find yourself in and the stress caused to you, your wife and family.

The prostate procedure you performed on me was a total success and has given me my life back. Before that I spent most of the night running to the toilet and not getting my proper sleep.

This had a profound effect on my general health.

The consultation I had with you and the surgery was excellent.

I thank you for your expertise and getting of that treadmill.

I am now in good health and looking forward to my 82nd birthday in June

I wish you the best of luck for the future

Yours Sincerely

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Dear Aidan,

Firstly, thank you for your letter. I appreciate the pressure and distress this situation has put you and your family under. Can I just say that there is no need for you to worry about restoring your good name. Your friends and patients already hold you in the highest esteem and understand that you always acted with their best interests in mind.

Personally, the little procedure that you carried out on myself seems to have been 100% successful and I do not see any need for any further check ups or consultations with any different urologist. If anything changes though, I will be contacting my own private doctor or yourself about it.

I understand that the health service might have their own private agenda regarding your situation, can I once again assure you that you and your family are held and will be held in the highest possible esteem, regardless of any witch-hunt by the NHS.

Yours Sincerely,

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29-5-21

Dear Aidan

I received your gracious letter and I am very disappointed and outrageous way the Health Trust has treated you and the distress which they put your family through also.

To a consultant that is renowned in the field of urology, so highly regarded and respected in N. Ireland. I myself along with hundreds of your patients have only the highest respect of the treatment I have received.

Your dedication to your profession and your caring to your patients were highly admirable.

Don't worry Aidan your reputation will be restored and justice will be done God willing.

Kind Regards

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Dear Aidan,

Thank you very much
for your letter, I was extremely happy by
myself & family here. We do understand
& are aware fully of your situation,
regarding your 10 years experience as
a doctor, & to follow with me 28 yrs as
a Consultant Urologist at Craigavon
Area Hospital. This terrible time we
cannot find words enough to express our
feelings. It must be traumatic, depressing
& shocking time for you, wife & family. You
have been a Real Gentleman of the highest
elegance (Consultant Urologist) with my
husband for about 20 yrs.

It was with great pleasure for
to be your patient, in any way.
Your good communication skills
personality, & advice was
wonderful at any clinic &
& date that we bathed with
you over those years was
always appreciated from our
hearts. Only for you my
husband would not be alive
to-day. Please God am

thoughts + prayers are with you,
+ your family, that in the
near future that every thing shall
be an good for all

God Bless

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Dear Aidan,

Thank you for your letter of May 24th.

I hope you and your family are bearing up at this very trying time.

I am absolutely disgusted at the treatment you have received from the Southern Health and Social Trust regarding your career and vocation and can only hope and pray that any allegations on your professionalism as a urologist are found to be completely false.

From a personal point may I say that you have treated myself quite recently and treated my son thirty years ago with a very successful outcome in both cases.

I have found you a very professional, compassionate, extremely well-mannered doctor explaining everything in a very caring and sensible manner.

I most certainly have no requirement to contact the patient advice telephone line as I am very happy with your treatment, procedures and advice as my consultant.

I will forward a copy of this letter to Dr. O'Kane

And you can rest assured that I can say or do
anything to assist you in restoring your reputation
please let me know.

I wish you strength and resilience during this
very depressing time.

Yours sincerely

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19th Dec 2020

Dear Aidan,

I just wanted to write to you to say I am thinking of you Personal Information redacted by the USI and family at this time. I know how hard you have worked over your long career. The sacrifices with family, long exhausting hours maybe missing important milestones. I know personally what it was like working within the NHS for the past forty four years the commitment dedication that is required and I myself know that you had that in abundance. This commitment also extended to the education of children and young people with your contribution to St Patricks Academy Dungannon. Who knew what would become of us when we were picking strawberries in Personal Information redacted by the USI all those years ago. I wanted to let you Personal Information redacted by the USI your children and extended family are in my thoughts and prayers at this time.

You Aidan are one of our own a neighbour a friend

in whom I have the utmost respect for.
I trust this finds you in good spirits and
health. Please take time to enjoy this special
Christmas with you family.

Have a happy and holy Christmas, may 2021
bring good health and an end to all our troubles.
Kindest Regards

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24/11/2020.

Dear Aidan

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Just today at lunch time I heard the sad news of your trouble in the Urology Dept. in CHS. I tried to phone your home but unfortunately it was unavailable, but I wanted to reassure you both that I am available to support you in whatever way is appropriate or required. Whatever the issues professionally I do not need to know, but as a longstanding friend & colleague I want to reassure you both that I am prepared to vouch for your ^{in education} ~~integrity~~ and professional integrity not only privately but in a public forum.

I do not wish to invade your personal or family privacy, but am happy to make myself available whenever & wherever you find that appropriate. As Christians we also have a God who ever cares for His children. I pray that you may know the comfort of His strength & the support of your parish at this time.

Very Sincerely & With Love.

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27th August -

Dear Aidan,

First and foremost I'd like to wish you a healthy, peaceful and joyful retirement. How the years have flown by.

Secondly, I've been speaking to who has told me of the circumstances created by persons / "managers" within CAH. What an absolute disgrace. I am so annoyed for yourself and , going into retirement with such a manmade cloud hanging over you.

You have given the best part of your working career to Craigavon. I say this, knowing it was a true vocation - much more than a mere career. I've no doubt that each waking minute is consumed by the hurts caused. Any such thing in our lives takes over completely, sapping our energy and time in all ways. I can only hope that you are fully vindicated and promptly too, in order to get on with your lives again. Apologies from those concerned wouldn't go amiss either. It's such a ruination of what should be a special time for you, and family.

From me, I am hoping and praying that you can focus on the good you did in Craigavon hospital. The patients you so kindly treated (knowing each one by name always) and all the positives you brought over the years to the whole urology department. Remember, you made a difference for the good, Aidan. For now,

15th January 2021 .

Dear Aidan,

I was both shocked and appalled to hear of the Southern Trust's investigation into your practice and the subsequent public enquiry announced by the Health Minister.

I wish to add my support to you, along with the many people, both colleagues and patients, who have already done so.

Very early in my career, I was privileged to be your SHO. Your knowledge, exceptional surgical skill, kindness to patients & colleagues, humility and work ethos inspired me then ^{and} now. 27 years later, having worked with many professionals since, I realise that there are few who have given so much to their patients & colleagues and the NHS.

Without doubt the NHS, particularly the management structure and external review processes, ^{has} ~~have~~ changed so much in our careers, that as a working, & teaching environment, it is almost unrecognisable. Sadly, any of us could easily find ourselves in ~~the~~ similar difficult and unjustified circumstances.

My good wishes are with you, Personal Information redacted by the USI & your family and I hope most sincerely that there will be a swift and just outcome to this awfulness.

Yours Sincerely

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11 December 2020

Aidan,

I cannot begin to imagine what you and your family are going through at this time and I'm sure there are no words which could ease your pain. However, Aidan, I simply wanted to let you know that you and your family are in my thoughts each day and I very much wish you the strength to get through this.

What has been done to you is extremely cruel and a betrayal of you and the unparalleled work you have done at the Trust but I hope that it offers you some consolation to know that everyone who knows you, is only too aware that this does not reflect your true character or the ethos by which you have practised medicine.

I know you to be an extremely dedicated doctor who has always ensured you gave your patients the utmost care and I have no doubt all your patients say the same.

From first-hand experience, I have seen the positive impact which you have had on Personal Information redacted by the USI life, not only in terms of taking the time to really listen to her but also in diagnosing her condition, one which she has struggled with for all of her adult life and until she came under your care, one which had gone undiagnosed by other professionals. Your treatment and care has totally changed her quality of life and for that we are all very grateful.

I hope you can have a peaceful Christmas and I'll continue to pray for you all to get the strength and endurance to challenge this wrong.

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14th December 2020

Dear Aidan

I was shocked + dismayed to read the media coverage recently about the Urology service in the Southern Trust.

I am sorry I didn't get the opportunity to say goodbye to you during the summer, and to wish you a happy retirement. Hopefully these recent events have not overshadowed your plans for the future? I am sure that you will be vindicated when the inquiry is over.

It was a pleasure working with you over the past 20 years, and I have nothing but admiration for the dedication and service that you gave to your patients.

You were, and remain, an absolute
gentleman and it was a privilege to work
with you.

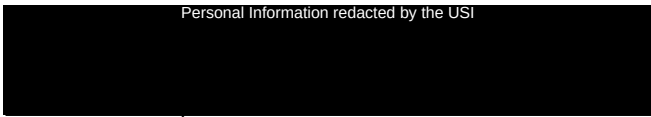
If there is anything that I can do
that would help your legal team I am more
than happy to do so. It is appalling that, after
28 years of dedicated service, the TMU have
treated you like this. Unfortunately it could happen
to any one of us in the future.

With very best wishes,

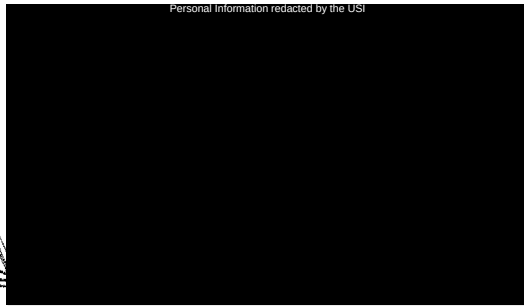
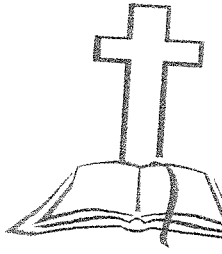
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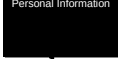
P.S. please excuse my poor handwriting. I don't
have your calligraphy skills!



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27th November 2020

Dear Aidan

It has just gone past ten o'clock here in 'Glorious'  on Thursday evening and I am thinking of you and all you love and treasure.

Yesterday (Wednesday) evening I celebrated Mass for you and all you love and treasure. I hope you and all are well and bearing up under the burden of these days.

I only know what I read in the papers and whatever is the truth it is generally not in the papers. And whether the truth will be in the Report as commissioned by the Department of Health remains to be seen. Systems are hard to beat.

But I write to you with great affection and much respect. We go back a long time.

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But you have starred in the hearts and memories of countless people whom you have served generously and graciously with your medical expertise and human kindness. No one will ever be able to take that from you. Your integrity is well known to them and to all of us who have had the pleasure and privilege of knowing you and all the O'Briens all our lives.

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So I write for old times' sake. I pray with all my heart that you will be of good heart, even if the wolves are at the door. Please God the Truth will out and if it does then I have nodoubt that you will be exonerated.

In the meantime I send my poor prayers to you and Personal Information and all the family. And of course to Personal Information redacted by the USI et al.

With every Blessing

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12 Dec 2020

Dear Aidan

you have been in my thoughts
and prayers in recent times.
I enclose a prayer card which may be
of help. I got a number of them from
the Bishop of Bloyne. I find they help
to give peace.
That is my wish for all of you this
Christmas. God is faithful. All will be well.

Yours sincerely

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PATIENT

28 November 2020

Dear Aidan,

what I have heard on the News recently spurs me to write to you to say that over the past years several times I have given thanks to God for the great help you gave me. The medical treatment I received from you "changed the quality of my life" for the better. Those were your own words to me when I consulted you. You assured me that this would be the case. It has proven to be true and I am very grateful to you.

Be assured that I am praying for you at this difficult time. I am also remembering your family and others close to you.

Of course, I pray as well for those whose experience was not as positive as mine, but I do wish to emphasise how positive my own experience of your medical care was and remains. Permit me to express my profound gratitude anew and to assure you of my communion in thought and prayer.

Yours sincerely,

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Aidan O'Brien

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25th November 2020

Dear Aidan

Please forgive this typed letter - a handwritten letter always seems so much more sincere, but then my written is far from legible!

I'm sure you will remember me from the days I anaesthetised for you in Craigavon, many years ago.

I have been so distressed to see the vilification of you in the media and just wanted to share my thoughts with you.

You were, and are, in my opinion, one of the most respected Urologists in the Province. In all my time with you, I would have been unable to fault you (apart from being late for lists!). You retain my admiration and professional respect.

I have had many encounters with your patients over the years and have never heard anything other than praise for your care. Indeed, you are among a decreasing number of

medics who not only provided treatment, but provided that thing which patients need most, care.

On a personal basis, if I or any member of my family had required a Urologist, you would have been my first port of call.

I know things must be particularly difficult for you at present, but if you can remember the admiration in which you are held by others within and outside the profession, that may help, even in a small way.

I assume you are getting the support you deserve? Unfortunately I know this assumption may not be correct. I have been involved in cases in the past in which consultant colleagues were investigated and was horrified by an almost universal failure of their peers to become involved, support or to "put their heads above the parapet" in any way.

It would be my privilege to help in any way I can. I would be more than happy to accompany you to any meetings (which you should not attend alone). Or even if you want to sit and chat, go for a walk or whatever, I would be so happy to be involved.

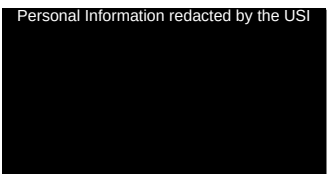
Please remember the patients you have helped over the years – saved the life of many, improved the quality of life of many others. You have given so much to help others.

Please, please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Stay safe and as strong as you can

With very best wishes

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PATIENT

25th November 2020

Dear Aidan,

I hope I am not intruding -
I want to assure you of my
thoughts and PRAYERS at this
difficult time.

As a former patient, I contacted
Craigavon Area Hospital to
register my admiration and
appreciation for your professional
care and personal interest, which
was outstanding - at all times.

I will offer Mass for you and
the family on Saturday morning -
for Peace of mind and the confidence
to trust that "this too will pass."

With my kindest REGARDS and
Best Wishes ~

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24 November 2020

Dear Aidan

I was greatly saddened to learn of your current troubles. I realise that this will be a difficult time for you, Personal Information redacted by the USI and the family. However, it will pass and, in a way that you never wished for, you will be strengthened by the experience.

Those, like me, who know you, in my case over 60 years, recognise the tremendous care and support that you have given to so many. We also know that patients received life-saving and life-enhancing outcomes through your expert surgical interventions, and that you went 'the extra mile' to ensure their wellbeing.

Please be reassured that your friends are not fazed by lurid headlines and recognise your true worth. If you feel like meeting up for a coffee or a chat, please give me a call.

With best wishes,

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Mr Aidan O'Brien

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16 May 2021

Aidan O'Brien

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Dear Aidan

In reply to the letter received from yourself. I was shocked to hear of the allegations being brought against you. I'm sure this is the last thing you and your family need at this time especially when you were looking forward to your retirement.

I hope the allegations against you are proven to be unfounded and sorted as soon as possible. As my consultant I can safely say you were a perfect gentleman and a professional in the advice and treatment that you gave me. I also appreciated the personal follow up consultation you offered.

I would like to offer my support in clearing these allegations against you. If I can help with a statement or being a whitness I would have no hesitation in doing so. I also have no problem with you using this letter if it helps.

Kind Regards

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Dear Aidian

Thank you for your letter of the 6th May.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for all your care and treatment in the past? I have always found your treatment and advice to be of the highest quality.

Hopefully, the investigations will be concluded swiftly and your choice of returning to work will take place very soon. No doubt family support will be of great benefit during this difficult time.

Should you require me to write or attend any hearing, for a personal or patient reference, please do not hesitate to ask. I would gladly assist.

Kind regards

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From: Personal Information redacted by the USI**To:** Aidan O'Brien's email address**Subject:** Thank you**Date:** Mon, 14 Dec 2020 23:24

Hi Aidan,

I am just writing to express how grateful I am to have found a doctor with the kind manor, patience, sense of humour, professionalism and the gifted skill that you have been blessed with. Your dedication to your career and to your patients is evident. I'm sure you've heard it all many times, but it warrants repeating that your talents are a gift to all who have been fortunate enough to have you as their doctor.

I want to express my deepest gratitude for everything you did for me. The medication and surgeries completely changed my life, I suffered so much pain before and you took the time to investigate, diagnose and treat me which I will be forever grateful for. Had it not been for you I would probably have never been diagnosed and would still be suffering daily.

I am shocked to hear what is happening at the minute, I know how much you were looking forward to retirement. It goes without saying we do not believe any of it and you do not deserve to be going through it, I hope the truth will come to light.

Once again thank you so much for everything you did for me.

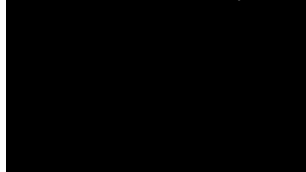
Sincerely,

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14th September 2021

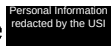
Mr Aidan O'Brien

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Dear Mr O'Brien

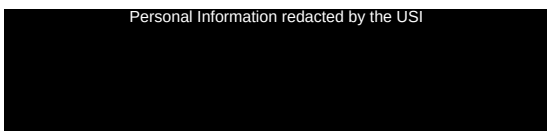
I hope that you are well. It has been ages since we communicated.

I am willing to state at any tribunal that you treated both my wife  and I with the utmost care and attention over the last 15 years. Your treatment and professionalism has greatly improved the quality of both our lives.

I hope I can be of some assistance to you in these times.

Kind regards

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Dear Aiden,

Hello to you and family. I wrote to you last March to outline my support for you but was not sure of your address and I put down [Personal Information redacted by the USI]. It seems there is a medical centre there and the letter went to that address instead and was returned to me- my address was on the back

I was talking by phone to our mutual friend [Personal Information redacted by the USI] in the nursing home and he got me your actual address but suggested that instead of sending the letter again, I put in on a special facebook page comprised of people supporting you and my personal experience of your dedication to me as a surgeon when I was very ill back in the 1993. I duly posted this on the web page away back then.

[Personal Information redacted by the USI] and I keep in touch by phone as he cannot accept visitors and can not read due to the stroke and he remains very annoyed by what happened to you- as I do as well.

I just want to tell you that if you need me as a former patient to formally stand up for you in any way at any future hearing, let me know and I will do it.

Things have settled with me since my last visit to Craigavon in November 2017 when the kidney function collapsed down to 12. It is now stable at 17-20 and I get the stent changed in Craigavon every 6-8 months or so.

Owing to Covid there have been no Festival occasions in recent times. If and when they start up again I will let you both know. Regards to [Personal Information redacted by the USI]

Yours

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Anne-Marie Bovill

Anne-Marie Bovill
General Healthcare Policy | Department of Health

Contact: [Personal Information redacted by the USI]

Please consider the environment - do you really need to print this e-mail?

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From: [Personal Information redacted by the USI]
Date: 10 December 2020 at 02:50:51 GMT
To: robin.swannmla [Personal Information redacted by the USI]
Subject: Mr Aidan O'Brien

Dear Mr Swann,

I am amazed to read that there is to be a public inquiry into the work of Dr Aidan O'Brien. I met Mr O'Brien when my Mother was a patient of his in Craigavon hospital.

We found him to be a Gentleman , extremely caring, and professional , and we certainly had no complaints about my Mothers care under him .

We did , however , experience what I would consider neglect prior to Mr O'Brien himself treating my Mother . We didn't voice our concerns but we were most grateful and thankful when Mr O'Brien took over .

The staff appeared to hold him in very high regard and assured us that he 'was the best' ..

I know others who have only good to say about Mr O'Brien and the treatment that they and their family received from him .

I think it only right that I speak in favour of Mr O'Brien .

I wish him well in this inquiry and I hope others , like myself, will speak from their positive personal experience of him ..

I hope this will be passed on to his lawyers.

Thank you

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Dear Aidan.

June 21.

I enclose a copy of
the letter I sent to the "Trust."
I hope it is helpful.

Best Wishes Always

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A Copy of

19-06-2021.

Dear Dr. O'Kane.

Thank you for your letter Re Mr. Aidan O'Brien. I was a prostate cancer patient under the care of Mr. O'Brien for approximately 10 years. He was an excellent doctor in every way and I had a satisfactory outcome. I was a [redacted] and [redacted] for 42 years. I was also a [redacted] in [redacted] for 18 years having established the [redacted] there in 1970. I was also the [redacted] representative on many medical committees including the Southern Health & Social Services Board. Consequently I was in frequent contact with many G.P.s and consultant colleagues and never did I hear a disparaging word or uncomplimentary comment about Mr. O'Brien's work or his personal life, on the contrary it was always quite the opposite. During my time in practice as [redacted] I referred all my urological patients to Aidan O'Brien. I'm pleased to say that invariably patients' comments were always very complimentary to Mr. Aidan O'Brien. He was known to be a hard working doctor who was dedicated to providing a first class service for his many patients in the Southern andraigavan District. In my opinion Aidan O'Brien, urologist, was an efficient, very experienced consultant who strove to provide a superb urological service in the Southern Trust's area and to all of his patients. In my opinion a Public Enquiry into Mr. Aidan O'Brien's work performance would be both a waste of time and a waste of Public funds.

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Tuesday 22rd June.

Dear Aidan,

I have been very remiss in not writing to you sooner. Of course I was shocked when I learnt of the accusations that were being levelled against you. The surgery I received from you was second to none and I continue to enjoy good urological health. As you say you look forward to defending yourself in any forth coming inquiry.

We have Personal Information redacted by the USI next Tuesday evening to cut hedges-he might bring Personal Information redacted by the USI who enjoys Personal Information redacted by the USI strawberries-if the blackbirds have left some!

Aidan, you have my full support.

Very best wishes,

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An NI businessman has voiced his shock that the consultant, who helped extend his late wife's life by 18 years, is to be the subject of a public inquiry.

The Portadown businessman praised the professionalism and kindness of retired consultant urologist Mr Aidan O'Brien.

Mr O'Brien, who was based at Craigavon Hospital, had brought a number of grievances to the Southern Health Trust in the years prior to his retirement.

Since his retirement, the Southern Trust has recalled his patient records and Health Minister Robin Swan ordered a public inquiry into 'serious concerns' the clinical practice of Mr O'Brien.

However, a Portadown businessman, who prefers not to be named, has come out in support of the consultant, who he holds in 'the highest regard'.

He said: "My wife was a patient under the care of Mr O'Brien for almost 20 years. She was simply referred to Mr O'Brien by her GP in 1999 and required immediate surgery.

"As Mr O'Brien cared for my wife we were always kept well informed of the various treatments available and prognosis.

"Over the 20 years, through good times and more difficult times, he remained the same polite, mannerly gentleman who made my wife feel at ease even when delivering bleak news.

"At all times he treated my wife with respect, dignity, compassion and always had her best interests at heart throughout her many treatments and operations," said the prominent businessman.

"He always endeavoured to look for the next best treatment available for her. His bedside manner was exemplary.

"In the later months he continued to guide and support us when her illness was untreatable.

"We feel we are indebted to Mr O'Brien and believe that through his expertise he contributed to us having a further 18 years of treasured memories with my wife."

The businessman is upset, concerned and confused at the launch of the public inquiry.

He firmly believes it is the Southern Health Trust which should be investigated and be the subject of a public inquiry.

He said: "Unfortunately for the Trust, it very much looks like a knee-jerk reaction.

"There seems to have been little consideration given to Mr O'Brien's professionalism during a lengthy career and the stature he holds within his field by his peers and patients alike," he said.

"I would have expected the Trust to have carried out a full internal investigation and hearing ensuring that they had gathered all the appropriate and accurate information prior to pursuing a public inquiry.

“No-one deserves to be named (and shamed) publicly unless all other avenues have initially been exhausted,” he said.

The Portadown widower said he was ‘shocked and astonished’ when he heard about the inquiry. “At no point did or have we ever doubted Mr O’Brien’s expertise, ability and good judgement.

“As a family we think of Mr O’Brien as a friend and will support him to the best of our ability to ensure his name is held in the highest regard and esteem.

“Providing our support is the least we can do to show our appreciation and gratitude for the 20 years of care that Mr O’Brien has given our family.”

Dear Aidan,
please find
enclosed copy of
letter sent to Dr. Kane,
MR Darlin - Chief Exec.
and MR. Young - as
lead consultant.

Thinking of you.
Best wishes.

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Dr. Maria O'Kane,
Medical Director
of S.H.S.C.T.
Ref MOK/ec.

30th May, 2021.

Dear Dr O'Kane,

A few days ago I received
a letter from Mr Aidan O'Brien and
yourself, as I have been a private
patient of Mr. O'Brien, and I am cross!

I have nothing but High
Praises for this now retired hard working
Consultant. All the times I had appoint-
-ments with him he provided exem-
-plary care, took his time in explaining the
diagnosis and follow on treatment. I
know also of Mr. O'Brien's patients who
attended him in the hospital under the
N.H.S. and he treated each one with
dignity, and devotion and exemplary care
and expertise, and you (as a patient) were
made to feel so special, and the relatives.

Indeed my wife and I brought alot of a friends who had urology problems to see him privately, as there were very long waiting li-
 -ts in urology. My wife worked in the hospital until retirement and I know that Mr. O'Brien was a much sought after Urologist especially for private practice with his many years of experience and expertise.

I just wonder why after 28 years as a consultant, establishing the urology department and working as a lone consultant for seven years, that there ~~are~~ are now complaints about his care, as soon as he retired!!

Mr. O'Brien was always fighting for patients with the Trust, and was very concerned about the long waiting lists especially for surgery, but I feel he was ^{not} listened to. This went on for many years.

It might be a good idea Dr. O'Keefe to immediately sort out the Urology waiting lists for surgery than spending time trying with his other urology consultants to ease alot of deep depression, trauma, and

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 sent to MR. O'Brien.

It has been good to know
 that MR. O'Brien has received hundreds of
 letters and cards, and excellent reports of
 his care on the internet, and sharing experience.

MR. O'Brien was very dedicated
 to his work, his patients and to all the
 urology team. Note, MR. O'Brien was
 often seen in his ward at 1Am or
 2Am in the ward, ensuring all was well
 with his patients, and assisting nursing
 staff with analgesia. There was never
 a negative word said or a complaint
 when he was working in the ward, and there

I am so annoyed that
 you have felt it necessary to write to
 me as a private patient — All the news
 about MR. O'Brien was addressed by the
 media. So, so sad to read and write
 to this ^{expert} great and wonderful Consultant.
 Yours Sincerely
 [Redacted Signature]

Enc.

Chief Executive of Trust — MR. Devlin.
 Lead Consultant — MR. Young.

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3 / 12 / 2020

Dear Aidan,

I am writing to tell you how shocked and saddened I was to hear of the recent difficulties you have encountered. It must be very disappointing for this to happen as you begin your well-deserved retirement.

I just wanted to let you know how highly I regarded you during all the years I had the pleasure of working with you. Your practice was always characterised by compassion, efficiency and genuine interest in, and care for, patient welfare. You were always courteous, kind, thoughtful, and delightful to work with. I considered it as a great privilege to watch you work and assist you whenever I could, and I know my colleagues hold you in similarly high regard. Concern for the physical and emotional health and welfare of your patients was always your primary concern and I still admire you greatly for that.

You treated my husband, Personal Information redacted by the USI on more than one occasion for kidney stone problems and he was very grateful at that time for the excellent treatment he received at your hands.

I want you to know you have my full support and are in my thoughts and prayers, and I wish you all the very best during the next few months.

Your friend and former colleague,

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PATIENT

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27-11-20

Dear Aidan and

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We hope you are both managing to keep well and strong. We are so sorry to hear about the current situation

Aidan, we know how exceptionally dedicated and hard-working you have been over the years, and are eternally grateful for the care and kindness you have shown to Personal Information redacted by the USI, and to Mummy and Daddy.

Please know you are both in our thoughts and prayers and have our full support.

With much love,

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02/12/2020

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To: Aidan O'Brien's email address

Subject: Fwd:

Date: Wed, 2 Dec 2020 12:02

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PATIENT
February 2018

Hello
Mr Swann
My name is

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In January 2018 I had a hip operation carried out privately in the Ulster clinic . Unfortunately immediately after my operation the temporary catheter which was inserted by Ulster clinic caused bleeding and chronic urine retention in my bladder and Prostrate- 2 days after I left the Ulster Clinic

I was rushed to Craigavon Area Hospital where the fantastic medical staff - led by Doctor Aidan O'Brien managed to treat my problem , fit me into a huge logistical queue of waiting patients for operations and were able to repair the damage to my bladder . After 16 days in Craigavon Hospital I got home . Thank God my health has been perfect ever since .

I want to put on record very very clearly that Dr O'Brien who managed to visit me at least every other day during my time in Craigavon- with his support staff and usually 4/5 medical students with him - was absolutely incredible .His professionalism , calmness, attention to detail and his immense patience with all the student staff helping them along the road of medicinewas astounding.

In my lifetime I've been in Hospital on 17 occasions . I am 60 years of age now . Without any fear of contradiction or prejudice - Doctor Aidan O'Brien has been the single most competent, cooperative and professional Medic I've ever encountered.

With today's so called "revelations " casting doubts on his medical practices in the MediaI very firmly believe that Dr O'Brien will not only be vindicated- but will lay bare some / many discrepancies in and within the National Health Services - and certainly NOT the practices of Doctor O'Brien .

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Yours Very Very Sincerely

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O'Brien,
wrote a note to thank
u for checking my
band's scans &
assuring me.

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08. 12. 2020

Dear Aidan

A brief note to support
you in this time of
suffering. I knew you
to be a wonderful
& caring doctor.

I've had utterly false
allegations made
against me relating
to mid 70's. It's not
easy but my conscience
is clear. Best wishes -
Regards to you all.

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Dear Aidan, I would just like you to know how shocked I was at the way the News programme reported the allegations that seem to have been made about you.

I was speaking to several of your old Academy teachers, and all of us have such a high opinion of you and the service you have provided to so many people (myself included!).

My son who is a doctor tried to explain to me what these allegations might be, and he said that it seemed that they could ~~be~~ have picked on any

consultant in the country and made the same inferences.

I would just like you to know that we are thinking of you and remembering you in our prayers.

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DEC 2020

Dear Aidan &

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I am so sorry that you are having to go through this process. I wish you all the strength and courage to deal with it. You are both in my thoughts and prayers. Stay strong and take good care of yourselves.

With love and support,

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Dear Aidan,

Just a note to let
you know you are in
my thoughts and prayers
at this very difficult
time.

I trust the end
result of all this will
be in your favour.

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thinking of you

With love and best
wishes.

Please give my love
to

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PATIENT

Aiden,

Can't find enough
words to express, to you
a heart-felt Thank-you.
WITH LOVE

for all your care over the
years. Your very profess-
ional way, with great
understanding, patience, etc.
A highly recommended
Consultant & Surgeon to
[redacted] during all his time
of illness as always you were
[redacted] Shall be hard to fill your
[redacted] Chris Beeson

PATIENT
Dec 2020

Mr O'Brien

"Strength for today - And
this too shall pass"

2 corinthians 4:17-18

With love,

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Keep your head up - as
you are Aidan!

With all best wishes

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Dear Aidan Personal Information
redacted by the USI and family

Just want to say you're in my
thoughts and prayers at this
difficult time

May you be blessed in your
retirement with good health
and happiness

You're a true Gentleman
and a great pillar of the
Community

God Bless

PATIENT

Blessings To You
This Christmas

from

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Christmas 2020

Dear Aidan and

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by the USI

I hope you are both well
and looking forward to a
restful break over Christmas.

I appreciate recent weeks have
been very difficult for you
and your family. I offer my
sincere condolences on the

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and
my full support as you face
the challenges of the Inquiry.
I hold you in the highest
of respect and I wish for
the very best outcomes for you.
If there is anything I can do
to help, please don't hesitate to
ask.

A very Happy & Blessed Christmas
and 2021. My very best wishes always

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Aidan

I'm reminded of Jonathan Swift's comment that

"When a true genius appears in the world, you may know him by this sign, that the dunces are in confederacy against him"

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Dear Aidan,

Just to let you know that I am thinking of you and your family at this difficult time.

There are two sides to every story and I have always found you to be a dedicated and caring Christian. No one comes out well for these investigations so I wish you the strength, resilience and courage required and never forget you are a good person

John

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Nov 2020

Dear Aidan &

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redacted by the USI

We just want
to let you know that we are
thinking of you both and your family
with love

at this stressful time and also to
"Thank You" Aidan for your kindness
and generosity shown to [redacted] over
the years it is very much appreciated
your caring & gentleness will never
be forgotten. Please be assured that we
will remember you all in our prayers
each day. Love, [redacted]

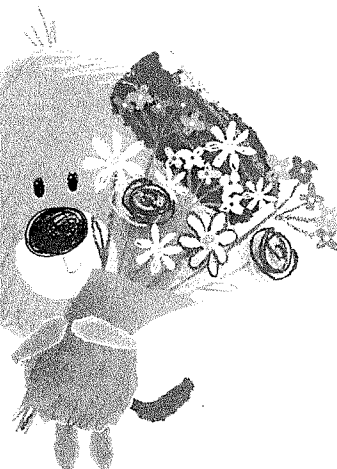
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With Love and Hugs

From -

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24.11.20

Dear Aidan &

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Sending you love and
support at this difficult
time.

Lots of love

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Aidan,

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USI

From your very good friends

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+ +

With Love

It has been a very difficult year for you all.

We know there may be difficult times ahead, you are a very united family, this strength will pull you through the difficult times.

With some experience we can assure you, things will get better. Remember we and indeed the large family circle will always be there to support you

Hope this is all over soon and you
can get on with enjoying a well
earned retirement

love & best wishes

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To Aidan,

I just want to make contact with you
to say I've been thinking about you and
your family over the past months. It's a
horrible and very unfair ordeal this Trust
is putting you through and I hope you
can keep your spirits up knowing so
many of your colleagues and friends
are supporting and praying for you all.

I've always appreciated your
friendship and wisdom over the years
and will never forget your kindness to
me when my mum passed away.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and New Year

Aidan
Thinking of you and your Family
at this difficult time. You have been a
great and always have been a great
consultant. If I can be of any assistance
Please do not hesitate to ask
Best wishes

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Aidan

Just a quick note to let you know
I'm thinking of you. I was totally
shocked when I heard the news!
I'm absolutely devastated for you having
to go through all this.

I hope you all can have as nice a
Christmas as is possible.
Will continue to keep you in my
thoughts & prayers.

Love

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PATIENT

DR O'Brien

Hope you know



HOW MUCH

you're appreciated



I would just like to thank you for all your help and support over the past few years. It was so reassuring just being able to ring you for advice. I am disappointed at the way you have been treated within the NHS, but I believe that everything will work out in the end and you will get what you are entitled to.

Thank you again

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To:

Mr O'Brien,

Dec 2020

Thinking of you at
this difficult time

In all the years I
had worked with you
in CAH Day Surgery unit
you were always
extremely professional,
dedicated and an
absolute gentleman
whom I feel does
not deserve this level
of stress in your
retirement.

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AOB-20281

Dear Aidan.

First let me congratulate you on Retirement. Your second life begins now.

I know things are not great for you at present. Just want to let you know you have my full support in clearing your good name.

I worked with you for many years, and considered, in my humble opinion, you one of the best Surgeons I ever worked with. Not only in your operating technique

but also your attention to detail in all you did. Your patient was always your top priority.

None one needs this hassle, you certainly do not deserve it. You earned a lot of respect by all staff you worked with and would still be supported by all.

Warmest Regards

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25/11/2020

Dear Aidan:

I am writing to let you know that you are very much in my thoughts at this very difficult time.

Please God you and your family will get extra strength and hope, to cope, over the coming days and months.

Regards

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24.11.2020

Dear Mr O'Brien,

I am just writing to let you know that it has been both a pleasure and inspiring experience to work with you over many, many years.

I am so saddened to see you in the news and I hope that all will be resolved as soon as possible.

You have always shown great care, courteousness, and skill in looking after any patients of yours that I looked after.

On a personal basis, thank you for

your wise words about my mum, it gave me a steady path in all the confusion.

Also thank you for being almost a lone voice in the reorganisation of the Urology ward. I know staff were delighted to have your support. It meant a great deal to them. The unions appreciated it too.

Be rest assured there are many, many people who believe you are a fantastic consultant and miss your skills after retiring.

I doubt there is anything I can do to help you but if there is please do not hesitate to contact me.

Supporting you all the way.

With very best wishes

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Dec. 2020.

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Dear Aidan

I wanted to let
you know my thoughts and
prayers are with you at what
must be a very difficult time
for you and your family.

I have always respected you
as a Professor and caring
colleague.

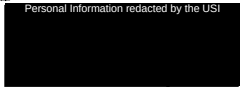
Kind regards

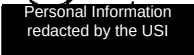
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Dear Aidan,

When we sent the
Mass Bouquet I had the
intention of writing to you before
Christmas, but it just didn't
happen. We are so sorry
you are going through
such a difficult time which
you do not deserve. You have
dedicated your life to medicine
curing, caring and looking after
your Patients in such a special
way, as a lot would say way

Your kindness to people and their
families would mean so much
to them as it did to us when
you looked after 
Seven years ago in March.

Our families have been friends
a long time Aidan and we
want you to know we support you
and , yourself and
family are in our thoughts
and Prayers.

I know you have a lot of
support which you truly deserve

Best Wishes

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29. 10. 20

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Dear Mr. O'Brien,

Enclosed please find cheque for last visit on 7.3.20. I regret that you have retired but I hope you enjoy many years of good health to do what you want to do.

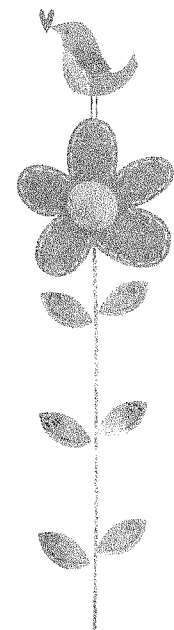
I thank you for the care & courtesy afforded to me and R.I.P. over the years. We always put great confidence in your opinion.

Thankyou for the liberty to ring you at home if needed.

Every good wish & my gratitude

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It's much appreciated!
*



P
PATIENT

To

MR O'Brien.

A truly amazing Doctor is
hard to find and impossible to
~~forget~~ You're such a wonderful
Doctor and you always made
me feel so safe.

Thank you for being the best
Doctor in the world.

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Dear Aidan

"Sending you a hug" because I cannot
stop thinking of you. You are such
a genuine person and your heart is
full of warmth & goodness.
You do not deserve what you are
going through at the minute and
hopefully, in time you can prove to
everyone who the real DR O'Brien
is.

"Hardships often prepare ordinary people
for an extraordinary destiny" C.S Lewis

Keep being you, Aidan... An
amazing clinician, person, father &
husband

from

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To Aidan

Thinking of you

Sending you a "Virtual" hug
Keep strong and your strength will
get you through this and the love
and support of your beautiful
family
you are an inspiration to me Aidan,
a real hard worker & genuine man.
from

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Dec 20

Sending
caring thoughts
your way

To Aidan - one of the most
caring diligent surgeons I
have worked with over the
last 23 years. What you are
going through at the moment
is abhorrent. Praying that
the truth will come out.

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Aidan I was so sorry to hear
of the ongoing investigations:

You have always been very dedicated
to your patients and have helped so
many have a better quality of life
during your time working as a
Consultant Urologist.

This is a very stressful time for
you, Personal Information redacted by the USI & Family.

I hope you will get answers soon
and that there will be a favourable
outcome for you.

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Our thoughts are with you all at
this mournful time.

To: Aidan,

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USI

&

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Family.

Sending
caring thoughts
your way

Thinking about you all.

Take care & God Bless.

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PATIENT

My wife [Personal Information redacted by the USI] joins with me to
thank you and your team ever so
much for a very successful procedure
in spite of the constraints imposed
on you due to the recent strike
action.

I feel like a new man again.
Excellent work.

Hospital No-

[Personal Information redacted by the USI]

Health + Care Number:

[Personal Information redacted by the USI]

Much appreciated

[Personal Information redacted by the USI]

7.1.20.



detail in surgery was highly noted.

Yes there was the odd grumble of theatre over-runs but we knew that our patients in Craigavon were getting the highest quality of care... and surgery was not going to be rushed!

I really hope at some point in the future we get to have that opportunity to thank you for all those years of commitment in theatres.

With Best Wishes for the future

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'Keep hopeful and Trust in God's direction'

To Aidan,

AOB-20292

Just to say thinking of you in these unsettling times but hopefully you will get a positive resolution soon.

You are held in high esteem in our theatres and your work ethic was unparalleled. I know the personal touch of phoning patients long after home time made a difference to so many of your patients relieving their anxieties + concerns. Always putting the patient first. Your excellence and attention to

PATIENT

Mr. O'Brien,

When I was first referred to you
those many years ago, I was
struck by the warmth of your
approach.

You were interested, caring
& thoughtful & treated me as

though I was the only & most
important patient on your
very busy schedule.

You took time to explain,
clearly, the diagnostic process
relating to PROSTATE, & as
time elapsed, you were steadfast
& reassuring.

My faith & trust in you

Professional expertise was
wholly vindicated & I am
deeply indebted to you
& the subsequent cohort of
medical & nursing staff in
and N.H.S. for all the

WITH WARM THOUGHTS

Highest quality professional
care & after care that has
sustained me in every day life.

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November 27th 2020.

To Aidan, Personal Information
redacted by the USI & family

PATIENT'S FAMILY

Thinking of you,

not just at this time,

but often as the days go by

We just want to let you know
you are in our thoughts and prayers
at this difficult time. You have our
full support and knowing you in both
a personal and professional capacity, I
can honestly put my hand on my heart
and say our lives would not be the
same without your expertise and professionalism
over the years. You saved Mummy on

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please a meet up
(S axially distant)

But Winkles

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AOB-20295

Dear Aidan,

Sorry to hear from
the B.B.C that you have
been picked on by the
Southern Trust. They
over react all the time.
As you know they come
after me big time
as well.

I know that all their
accusations are not true.
You have been a caring
doctor for so long.

Happy to chat
with you on the

Online
Support

 Support Aidan O'Brien

A place for you to share your stories, experiences, and support for retired Consultant Urologist, Aidan O'Brien.

There are 286 messages of support from healthcare professionals who have worked with Mr O'Brien, patients who have been treated by him and people who know him personally.



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Having worked closely with Aidan for 8 years I have had the chance of seeing his practice at close quarters. His clinical expertise, compassion and dedication were unmatched. One of few practitioners who provided care, not just treatment, his contribution to the health of our community is beyond compare. His clinical excellence is widely recognised, his dedication to the urology services in Northern Ireland unmatched and contribution to the Health Services unparalleled.

He has given so much to others only now to have his character besmirched by those who can never compare in their contribution.

He does not deserve this disrespect.

👍 75 🗨️ ➡️ Reply



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Many contributors already have rightly referred to and acknowledged Aidan's outstanding and meticulous care for his patients, their relatives and his co-workers, be it in the operating theatre, on the ward, at the bedside, on the corridor, in the car park, on the phone, from home, always consoling and reassuring. There is another venue, where Aidan's care for his patients extends, which might well perhaps go unnoticed by the general public – that is the boardroom. There Aidan might have been less consoling and reassuring. There a battle is fought between those on the frontline and an invisible management, there, I believe, lies the root of this great injustice. For in that theatre of contest Aidan not only had to care for patients, he had to defend and protect them. And to his own cost, with the same passion, analysis and attention to detail he brought to his medical and pastoral care, he no doubt forensically challenged inadequate systems, procedures, processes and personnel.

How many times have we read in the findings of public enquiries that the organisation in question circled the wagons to protect and perpetuate itself – preserved its own systems and processes and leadership at the expense of those in its care, the very purpose and point of its existence; how it ignored pleas, suppressed voices, didn't follow its own procedures, undermined arguments and covered up its own inadequacies?

Aidan's approach is holistic, he sees the entire context of a person's care, and anything that would threaten or undermine that care is to be opposed and exposed. It is a high price he is paying for his noble and principled approach, but having had the privilege of sharing in some of Aidan's journey, and witnessing the great outpouring of support in recognition of a life of devotion, I also believe the truth will prevail and bring exoneration, justice – and I hope peace.

👍 71 🗨️ ➡️ Reply



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From the family of Personal Information redacted by the USI Aidan looked after my father for over 15 years. The care my father received was always beyond the call of duty, working around the clock to ensure my father's utmost comfort whilst providing support and reassurance to our family when my father's health would take a turn. My father would 'light up' in Aidan's company as he came to know him on a personal level throughout this period. There is no denying that his care prolonged my father's life. It would not be uncommon for Aidan to call at my father's home on his way home from his hospital shifts in the late evenings to oversee and monitor his progress. Our family, Personal Information redacted by the USI Personal Information redacted by the USI have been saddened to hear what Aidan and his family are going through, it is so unfair given that he dedicated his life to caring for people. However, there will be better days ahead and the outpouring of support from Aidan's patients and colleagues reveal him to be nothing other than a professional, diligent and compassionate medic with a great personal Christian faith and one of life's true gentlemen. Personal Information redacted by the USI

👍 64 🗨️ Reply



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I had the pleasure of working with Aidan in Craigavon hospital for over 20 years. He was without doubt the most diligent and compassionate doctor that I have known. He was a superb clinician, surgeon and colleague. I am shocked and dismayed at this inquiry and am confident that he will be exonerated.

👍 62 🗨️ Reply



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I was a staff nurse in theatre CAH for 20 years. Most of that time I worked with Mr O'Brien. When I retired I returned to work (as a bank nurse) I only went back if I was allowed to work with him. And my request was honoured. This says it all.

He was the most hard working, conscientiousness, polite man. It was a privilege to have worked with him. I am 100% behind him. I think the Trust should hang their heads in shame.

👍 55 🗨️ Reply



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I have known Aidan for over 24 years. I was his Theatre Sister when he came to us as a Locum Consultant and we literally begged him to apply for the post when it arose about a year later. We all saw in him the excellent Clinician, surgically skilled practitioner and wonderful human being who treated all patients and staff with the upmost courtesy and kindness. Aidan's hard work ethic is well known to all who worked with him and in all those years I never knew him to put a foot wrong. Careful, meticulous, professional & highly skilled. Always an advocate for Urology services in CAH, always a spokesman for his patients when underfunding was a huge problem for the service. I can only assume that he may have rattled a few feathers with the wrong people hence this witch hunt. I am proud to have worked with him and wish there were more like him. Honest, kind, principled & full of integrity. Thank you Aidan for all your years of service we were so lucky to have you.

👍 55 🗨️ Reply



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IN SUPPORT OF AIDAN O'BRIEN;

I first met Aidan O'Brien on a bright Spring morning in May 1965 as our Mothers ushered us through the gates of [Personal Information redacted by the USI] to enrol as students. I still so vividly remember Aidan's deceased parents, [Personal Information redacted by the USI] the USI, [Personal Information redacted by the USI] as well as his younger sister [Personal Information redacted by the USI]. I can still hear [Personal Information redacted by the USI] slightly hoarse voice, see the twinkle in her eye, her generous, caring and fun loving nature, her mock-exasperation at two students who could sleep the clock around as well as the deep pride she had in Aidan, [Personal Information redacted by the USI]. I remember their dear father, [Personal Information redacted by the USI] in that low armchair in front of the warming range, his quiet dignity, soft-spoken voice and gentle wit.

I remember their home, their farm, a place of close family and welcome, a place apart, a place like [Personal Information redacted by the USI] a place with which [Personal Information redacted by the USI] could readily identify and better describe. It was from his parents and particularly his mother that Aidan inherited an unswerving moral compass and sense of duty to his fellow man. These characteristics, in addition to a brilliant, enquiring and analytical mind were further developed and enhanced in 'the debating chamber', our classroom in [Personal Information redacted by the USI] over seven seminal and amazing years.

Aidan commenced his studies in medicine at Queens from 1972 during which time his taste in fashion evolved too, (the camel hair coat and an odd good Panama cigar or pipe). It was also there that he met [Personal Information redacted by the USI], the love of his life in a definite case of love at first sight. After graduation, he studied and worked in Ireland and the UK and became a consultant urologist of renown, a highly acknowledged and respected professional. He was invited to initiate and develop the Dept of Urology in CAH, a challenge that he readily accepted while setting back in his home town, [Personal Information redacted by the USI]. That was twenty-eight years ago during which time he has worked tirelessly on behalf of all those in his care and as has been mentioned so eloquently and frequently in earlier contributions of support, repeatedly 'going the extra mile'. Even during off-duty or holidays, the condition and welfare of his patients would preoccupy him to the point of returning to his wards late in the night or very early hours in addition to frequently spending marathon-like hours at the operating table. He is a most skilful and dedicated surgeon and what cannot be questioned are his powers of assessment, his holistic approach, genuine interest in the welfare and family circumstances of his patients and his reassuring attitude, common touch and fairness to all.

Aidan is as resolute as ever, his principles and conviction remain undimmed. I see him now, a senior consultant, as 'old school' resisting the industrialisation and suffocation of the 'ART' of modern medicine. The long-standing dispute between Aidan and the SHSSB is about under-funding for his department and inadequate resources in contrast to other comparable departments. Aidan tried his level best to stop this conflict from escalating to this point. He could also have dropped his case against the board and quietly and deservedly retired after long years of selfless and unstinting service.

HE DID NOT WANT TO DO THAT. He has taken a stand and firmly planted his Standard on the hilltop and bravely faced the storm. There is no 'scandal' here.

He is and will always remain a strong advocate for his patients. He continues as a leader whose Torch still burns bright.

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👍 58 🗨️ Reply



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Having known Aidan O'Brien in a personal & professional capacity for about 30 yrs this whole dreadful fiasco amazes & baffles me!

Since the time he moved back into  as a neighbour of ours he has always been both friendly & approachable, a real gentleman in every way. Around the same time he took up his Consultant's post in Craigavon Area Hospital where I was working as a staff nurse.

Professionally, Aidan was so committed to his work. Anyone would be hard pushed to find any Consultant who would put so much time (oh the late, late hours we would see him still walking around the wards!), energy & especially compassion into their working day. His patients love & respect him. Mere words cannot describe to you how much this is true. I cannot in my wildest dreams imagine any of his patients who would utter a bad word about him. Many would consider themselves a friend as that is exactly how he made them feel. Such was his compassion. When attending the ward to see his patients he was able to maintain both congeniality & professionalism at all times both with staff & patients. Everyone was treated with dignity & respect.

He was always a pleasure to meet on the hospital corridors & always took time to acknowledge those he encountered.

Whatever the reason for this inquiry, I can't help but think it must have been possible to address any issue whilst Aidan was still working & not to cynically wait until after he left to make a vague statement with such devastating effect. What sort of way is this to treat any member of staff, let alone one of the hardest working Consultants the Trust has ever had. A total disgrace.

It has been mooted that Aidan had some issues with the Trust which he had raised a while before he left. I'm disgusted with the way the Trust, within which I worked for 38 years, seems to have reacted to this. To treat a highly esteemed member of staff with such disdain is unforgivable. I sincerely hope this is dealt with swiftly & that Aidan can continue to hold his head high & enjoy his well deserved retirement in peace with his family. No one deserves it more. Take care Aidan  & family. You have my wholehearted support.

👍 57 🗨️ Reply



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Mr O'Brien was such a wonderful consultant. My beloved father was under his care for 25 years. My daddy had such faith in this man. A brilliant surgeon and his level of care was outstanding.

👍 54 🗨️ Reply



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As a theatre nurse, I worked with Aidan for well over 20 years. He was an excellent surgeon who gave so much more than the norm to his patients. This was not just a job to Aidan, it was his life. All of the nursing staff are shocked and saddened by this, he and his family do not deserve this after a lifetime of dedication and caring for his patients.

👍 53 🗨️ Reply



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I have been a patient of urology in Craigavon area hospital for 20 years. Mr O'Brien was not my consultant but operated and treated me many times. He was always a extremely dedicated consultant. He always put his patients first and went over and above for them. He was true professional and a gentleman. He would have been there to midnight and past to make sure his patients were taken care of. He genuinely cared for all patients and went over and above. He give his life to the Hospital and patients and was very highly respected by all he worked with. The urology team were always amazing. I pray that his name is cleared after all the dedication he give the trust and patients.

Last edited 8 months ago by

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53 Reply



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I had the pleasure of working with Aidan O'Brien over 20 years as a staff nurse in CAH paediatric ward.

During that time Aidan was a perfect gentleman,always courteous,compassionate, conscientious and dedicated professional to all staff, patients, parents and relatives.

It is disgraceful the way Aidan has been treated.

He has our full support and best wishes.

Marie

52 Reply



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I can not understand why our MPs and MLAs have not spoken out in support of Aidans atrocious treatment by the Trust has none of them experienced his expertise or spoken to the thousands that have. He was not afraid of the management of Craigavon so get off the side line and do some thing about it.

51 Reply



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I have been a General Practitioner in Enniskillen for thirty years and I would say that in my dealings with Mr O'Brien he has always practiced to the highest professional standards. Furthermore my patients have always reported him to be approachable, diligent and to always display the utmost care and consideration for their welfare. Indeed he would have often phoned them after normal working hours to follow up on their progress. We in Fermanagh have been very fortunate to have him provide our local urology service. I wish him well and I am sure he will be exonerated.

51 Reply



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Although I have no time whatsoever for social media, I feel compelled to show my support and admiration for Mr Aidan O'Brien. I do not exaggerate when I say that this man literally saved my life on two different occasions despite the fact that I was never officially his patient.

His professionalism and compassion was exemplary and he went above and beyond anything that I would have expected, particularly considering how I was treated by other professionals in that Dept. I intend to give Minister Swan a detailed account of my experience within CAH and how Mr O'Brien's actions saved the Southern Trust from a lawsuit. I reiterate my complete and utter support for Mr O'Brien and believe that those who initiated this phony self-serving inquiry should hang their heads in shame. I will make all my documentation available to the inquiry.

👍 50 🗨️ Reply



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I worked in theatres with Mr O'Brien for over 20 years. In all that time my experience was that Aidan was an excellent surgeon and I had nothing but total admiration for him and how he conducted his work and himself, both professionally and personally.

Not only was Aidan an exceptional surgeon, but also a gentleman, who was kind, caring and compassionate with all his patients and colleagues.

I am genuinely shocked and heartbroken at how the Trust are now treating him.

Aidan has my full support at this time and I thank him for all his help, guidance, leadership and friendship over the years.

Aidan, Personal Information and the family are always in my thoughts.

👍 50 🗨️ Reply



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Aidan O'Brien grew up at home where values and care was everything. I knew Mr O'Brien as a young doctor. I was his patient when he was Head of Urology in Craigavon Area Hospital and nothing surprised me about him, and what he had learned from his strong Christian family upbringing exemplified his attitude to his staff and to his patients. His young staff were sacred in his eyes and they leaned on his every word.

His staff were able to ask questions and discuss in the present of the patient and learn there was no barrier between him and his young staff. This was an encouraging attitude when to showed itself in relation to his patients when they could talk freely to him and he listened.

Mr O'Brien is a kind, generous and good man who listened and many people are thankful for his skills and ability, he is a great example to his profession.

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I wish to express my support for Aidan O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien has been my consultant since 2008. During that time I required kidney surgery on three separate occasions. Each time his care and dedication was exemplary and he always generous with his time – explaining different surgical options and procedures and resolving any concerns I had.

Aidan O'Brien is a dedicated professional, committed to the welfare of his patients and a true kind gentleman.

I thank him wholeheartedly for his unfailing care and kindness to me.

I wish him a successful resolution to the current situation.

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I joined Mr Aidan O'Brien, in 1996, as the second Consultant Urological Surgeon in Craigavon Hospital.

As a colleague, Aidan was always a true professional, an incredibly courteous individual and was always there when I needed him.

Years ago, Craigavon Hospital opened its Urology department, where he impressively served as the first and only consultant at the time. Despite the pressure, he conducted his work with a sense of honour and always prioritised his patients & community over everything else.

To me he was always a role model. When I saw him at work, he wasn't just a Urologist, he was an agent of positive change.

A kind and humble gentleman who always carried a smile and brought positive & creative ideas to the workplace.

A man with vision, principles and a passion to heal and help others, patients & staff.

Witnessing him at work and out of work, he always treated others with a big heart. His humility, compassion and empathy were traits that seemingly came naturally to him.

He devoted his life to these notions and practices with an incredible sense of commitment and competence.

He was inspirational and a great guide to many Urologists that journeyed through their career. And was always willing to share his support.

Perhaps most importantly, his patients respected him greatly and appreciated the sense of comfort and hope that he offered.

It is without a doubt that Aidan is a devoted and competent professional.

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Mr. O'Brien has been a professional colleague and has also treated my husband and myself. I have known him for many years and have admired his dedication and complete professionalism. His attention to detail is legendary and his patients always received the highest standards of care. He is approachable and helpful, always willing to provide support and advice when requested. I am truly astounded at the decision to conduct an enquiry. It appears that the adage of being innocent till proven guilty has been completely disregarded.

The SHSSB has a lot of questions to answer as does the Minister of Health.

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Ive known Aidan for well over 20 years & more, he has worked easy between 80 & 100 hours aweek, his commitment to medicine & peoples well being ive seen & it cant be questioned. Anyone ive talked to including some of his patients have said they couldnt say a bad word about him & what a true gentleman he was. When i first heard about this i didnt believe it for one minute, this is nothing more than a Smear campaign out to tarnish Aidans name, this wrong needs to be put right soon & his name cleared of any wrong doing. For the one or ones in the Trust who have done this to Aidan maybe they should take a page out of Aidans book & learn something ie being honest . Enjoy your retirement Aidan you deserve it, you have our full support from [REDACTED]

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I was a patient of Mr O'Brien and at all times I was treated with empathy, professionalism and courtesy. My impression was that Mr O'Brien clearly worked hard for his patients. He called me at weekends while he was reading my notes to discuss my condition and better understand my symptoms.

I can only speak of my experiences with him but it is telling that so many people here have listed similar experiences. I would have been more than happy to remain under his care had that been possible. Mr O'Brien deserves my support and I am placing that on the record in this public forum.

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I was deeply shocked and saddened to hear about Mr O'Brien's recent situation.

My husband and I were patients of his for several years, and always found him to be a compassionate and caring professional.

Hoping that matters are resolved successfully and that Mr O'Brien can enjoy his retirement. Thank You Mr O'Brien for your dedication, service and kindness.

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I can not leave it any longer to voice my dismay at an amazing man, first and foremost, being hounded down by a trust that knows there have been no failings in mr O Briens care of his patients.

His dedication to all his patients and indeed his colleagues patients have been second to none.

I would like to think after almost twenty years of him tending to my every clinical need that I know him very well both as a clinician and a friend.

Many times he sat by my beside trying and succeeding to save my life. It didn't matter where he was if he wasn't out of the country and you needed him he was there.

Late night phonecalls to the house, advice to get into hospital ASAP. He was always contactable one way or another.

A few occasions he has turned up from holidays just to see me or someone equally sick.

I for one would not be here but for his care and dedication to someone in his own words "is a difficult case". You have left a huge gap mr O Brien but may you get the peace to be able to put this all behind you.

Your job is done and it was a good one.

Thank you from me and my family.

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It was with great sadness that I read the first article written in the Irish news RE Mr. Aidan O'Brien consultant urologist. As part of my role as head of department in a college of nursing I visited nursing students in a clinical environment to ensure they were able to correlate the theory taught in the class room with clinical practice .

During these times I often spoke to senior nursing staff and patients, I learned how Mr. O'Brien was held in high esteem and a consultant of unquestionable integrity. In recent years my husband suffered from a urology condition which would have become life threatening with serious painful bone metastasis. GP referred him to MR. O Brien,

We found Mr. O Brien a very conscientious highly professional and understanding consultant, he discussed treatment plan to us at a level understood as he is non medical, he informed us that if has any concerns regarding his condition he could be contacted by ringing his secretary who would in turn promptly reply.

On reading the second article in the Irish news RE Mr. O Brien I was elated to read Mr. Swan the health minister had initiated a public enquiry, I look forward to reading the findings of this enquiry as I am confident there will be a positive outcome for Mr. O'Brien as he has given long excellent years of service.

I wish Mr. O Brien a long and healthy retirement one he so richly deserves

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We have known Aidan O'Brien for over 50 years.

His integrity is unquestionable.

We were so shocked to see the public broadcast of the allegations made against him.

It brings into question the reason behind the motives of the Southern Trust.

We are pleased to see how much support from patients and colleagues he has received.

We trust that justice for Dr Aidan will prevail.

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I know Aidan O'Brien and I regard him as a great friend and a great individual.

I cannot believe the allegations against his good name.

He is and has always been a great doctor and Consultant.

I am sure he will be completely vindicated soon.

It's so unfair that a man such as him has to go through an ordeal like this.

Stay strong Aidan.

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It is a tragedy and a scandal that a kind and noble spirit such as Mr O'Brien should be treated so shabbily. A giant amongst his peers, a true professional whose humanity is a shining light in a dark world. It is an outrage to witness the character assassination of a man who is a true example of what it is to be a human being.

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A true gentleman, who has treated so many patients with a genuine, Caring and absolute professional regard. He is deserving of commendation as he retires from his lifelong devotion to helping others to have hope, treatment and reassurance in life's journey.

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Hello my doctor. I respect you very much for your best doctor. You hugged me in the morning after a major operation. I would like to hug you and tell you now (Good my doctor everything will be fine). I will never understand what has deceived you. It came from angry people and you believed them. For what you did I recorded my personal information and now from your friends I feel hatred. How to delete those records they have no reason I do not ??? understand. Who would ask me I would comments. About you as great good person and a good doctor. With the utmost respect to your Dr O'Brien. Your former patient  (I wrote the help of Google translator)

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I want to offer my support to Aidan O'Brien. I had a urinary problem and i went to see him. He treated me and i got better which i am very grateful for. He was such a pleasant person and so down to earth no bull shit. He rang me on a Saturday evening to see how i was- way above the call of duty. He wrote me a letter explaining my treatment – Beautiful handwriting again above the call of duty. Other consultants could learn a lot from him ie how he dealt with his patients and made them feel so at ease. Aidan gave his life to help people and then at the end of his working life the southern trust decided a public inquiry was necessary would money and time not be better used to try and do something with waiting lists. The old saying comes to mind you don't miss the water till the well runs dry southern trusts well has just run dry.

Aidan enjoy your retirement you are more than entitled to this. Good luck and thanks.

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I have known Aidan O'Brien for 30 years. Those who have come into contact with Aidan know him as a true gentleman who is caring, compassionate and willing to go the extra mile to care for his patients.

Over the years many patients attest that they owed their lives to his professionalism and care.

Aidan has earned a well-deserved retirement in peace and harmony after so many years of outstanding service to the Health Service.

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I was a patient under Aidan O'Brien's care from 2001 to almost 2010 and having suffered acute kidney pains throughout my childhood years it was only when I came under Aidan's care that my diagnosis was made and a plan for solving issue.

I can never thank him enough for what he done for me and allowing me to return to normality.

A dedicated, caring and trusting person and a pleasure to know.

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I've known Mr O'Brien both professionally and as a patient over a number of years. His integrity and professionalism have always impressed me and are of the highest standard. To me he wears his expertise which is of the highest order lightly. Patients in my experience always came first for this clinician and one had confidence that you were in safe hands when he was in charge of your care. Aidan is such a gentleman, I am saddened to see him in such a predicament I wish him well through this difficult time and I hope the road in future repays the selfless hard work he has given to his profession and the community he served so diligently.

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Well!! Where do I start. The disgust that I feel knows no bounds. What an absolute horrendous way to treat another human being. By the way, Aidan O'Brien isn't just "another human being", he is an exceptional Doctor, Urologist, Surgeon, Consultant, need I go on. I have known Aidan all my life and never have I met anyone so dedicated to each and every patient in his care. I used to see Aidan when I would be leaving my shift in CAH. We always stopped for a wee chat, I was convinced that he actually never went home. What should have been a happy retirement has turned into an absolute nightmare, not just for him but the ripple effect this must have caused to his family and friends is devastating. To end a career being accused of all sorts by the very trust he has dedicated most of his life to is unbelievable. If this can be done to Aidan O'Brien then we had all better be careful. I could guarantee that each and every one of his patients are sick to the core of this outrageous treatment. It may be a long drawn out battle for him and his family but I am confident that it won't be Aidan's head that will roll. Shame on you 🙄

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Mr. O'Brien treated my father a number of years ago. He was an absolute gentleman and treated dad with the utmost courtesy, professionalism and understanding.

I hope that Mr. O'Brien will be cleared of these allegations and allowed to enjoy a well deserved retirement.

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Dr Aidan O'Brien has been a doctor to both my wife and I for a number of years. During this time we have found Dr. O'Brien to be courteous, thorough, professional and most importantly very helpful with his assessments and treatments during this time.

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Our mother  was a patient of Mr Aidan O'Brien for quite a number of years, therefore as a family we had many dealing with him during that time.

We always found Mr O'Brien to be a man of integrity, compassion, and a caring professional who gave tirelessly to his patients. At 83 years of age our mother had major surgery performed by Mr O'Brien and she was never in any doubt, that it was due to his skill and expertise as a surgeon, she enjoyed a further 12 years of quality life.

Like so many we were shocked and saddened to learn that this dedicated gentleman, who treated his patients, not as tick boxes or statistics, but with respect as individuals, should now be treated in this manner instead of being able to enjoy his well deserved retirement.

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It saddens me, to see the man who I hold as being the epitome of what a Dr should be, being torn to pieces by the very Trust he served with such dedication for so many years. I had the privilege of working with Aidan since he first came to CAH. One of the worlds true gentlemen. One could not help but admire his love for his work and his dedication to patients care and well-being.

During my 40 year career as a Theatre Nurse and Ward Manager I worked with thousands of Drs from all specialties, two always stood out in my mind for their dedication and exceptional interpersonal skills of communication with patients, Aidan was one of them. It is a disgrace that in his retirement Aidan  and their family have this to face.

The truth will always prevail so I seriously hope that Aidan is completely exonerated and his incredible reputation is left as it should be, intact. Always remember Aidan that your colleagues respected you and patients loved you.

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I support Aidan O'Brien. He is a great Consultant and a dear friend. He helped me whenever I went for an appointment. Very reassuring and spoke to me in a kind way. He appreciated how kidney infections are one of the worst pain anyone could suffer. I felt at last someone was understanding how having infections were affecting me and a very kind person. To me he was very kind understanding and gentle. A total GENTLEMAN. All the best to you Aidan. I hope you are ok. I feel I need to support Aidan the same way as he supported me, and other patients. Best wishes.

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Attended Dr O'BRIEN clinic on a number of occasions over a number of years and have always found him very professional and dedicated doctor.

I wish Dr O'BRIEN a well earned and healthy retirement.

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I represent people at Disability appeals such as PIP and ESA and have been doing so now for 20 years. Many many of my clients with issues that Mr. O' Brien has dealt with for them speak nothing but gratitude and indeed have a deep affection for him due to his attentive caring, treatment and follow up care of them. I must add that while many of my clients speak of the good work of other consultants there appears to be more of a deep personal gratitude to Mr. O' Brien which is due to his attentiveness to his patients. It appears quite clearly from instructions I receive that not only did he help them medically but also he builds a professional rapport with his patients that in itself is extremely therapeutic to them. Whilst I have never met the man to my knowledge his reputation does seem to proceed him in.

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A true gentleman. my family have all been treated for kidney stones over the years a truely lovely man

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Never would you meet a more dedicated, compassionate, caring, professional as Aidan O' Brien. Over the course of the last 14 years I spent many weeks as an inpatient on the urology ward in Craigavon area hospital, although Aidan is not my consultant, I built up a fantastic relationship with him. We shared stories of our families and lives, he looked after me, sat with me manys a night when I was extremely unwell, chatting into the small hours some times. Aidan always went above and beyond for all patients he came in to contact with, nothing was ever too much. He did, like many of the other consultants, get frustrated at the changes occurring within the hospital, perhaps his biggest flaw was that he cares too much. I think it's a shame and disgrace that a decent hard working man, who has dedicated his life to the patients in his care is now being treated in such a despicable manner. Shame on those who seek to blacken his name. If you knew Aidan O' Brien like those he has treated and cared for during his outstanding career you would hang your heads in shame.

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I have known Aidan O'Brien for over 40 years, having first seen him at close quarters when we were medical students together.

I know him to be both a compassionate person and a conscientious professional prepared to go the extra mile for his patient if he considered that necessary.

Those senior clinicians who have responsibility for assessment and real time care often do so when the problem is complex; when investigation resources are not available as promptly as they would want; when treatment options may have to be nuanced, reflecting shades of grey for individual circumstances, and involve informed decision making on what the appropriate management plan would be. Unsurprisingly, this not an easy process for either the patient or the professional involved. Those statements that have been made by Aidan O'Brien's patients indicate that, throughout his long period of service, their experience is that he provided a high standard of care. That doesn't surprise me because it is consistent with what I know of him.

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Mr O'Brien is a gentleman who worked tirelessly for his patients and went over and above. My husband was a patient of his over 30 years, he always was professional and honest, my husband was a complex case and Mr O'Brien never left no stone unturned he always exhausted every avenue to ensure he could make my husband comfortable and keep control of his condition. Mr O'Brien would phone our house in the evenings to see how my husband was and answer any questions or concerns we had. We obviously not aware of all the details of the public inquiry and why this is happening to a consultant who was passionate and excellent in his field but we our aware that management made consultant jobs more difficult in recent years and dictated to what patients they would see or treat so they could meet targets. Patients were a number to Management but to Mr O'Brien they were somebody and someone's father, mother, child. I hope Mr O'Brien clears his name and he gets apology from those who started this inquiry as shame on them for starting this on a man who has started retirement. Mr O'Brien you have left a legacy and our family cannot express our thanks for the dedicated care and commitment you gave to our family.

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I had the pleasure of knowing Aidan O'Brien both professionally and as a consultant over the care of my father. Aidan was as regularly referred to a complete gentleman and least we forget a champion for urology and men's health in a time when this speciality was still in its infancy throughout Northern Ireland and in particular the southern trust. This mans legacy must not be overshadowed by this enquiry and we should remind ourselves of the depth of gratitude we owe to a man who worked tirelessly to make this speciality what it is today.

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I have had the privilege to work alongside Mr O'Brien for over 10 years. I have worked with doctors across all specialities, general surgery, gynae, medical and ENT. I have never met a more devoted man to his patients and their families. He has went above and beyond for every single patient he has cared for. I am absolutely astounded that the trust can be critical over any aspect of Mr O'Brien's care that he has provided over the decades. It is impossible to believe that he would let any patient suffer or come to harm. I would believe that any shortcomings would not be from Mr O'Brien, more likely to be due to failings in the southern trust.

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I have known Aidan for over 30 years both as a patient and a friend. I had the privilege of first meeting him when my wife Personal Information redacted by the USI R.I.P was Personal Information redacted by the USI Her admiration for Aidan O BRIEN was born out of his dedication to his profession, the caring approach to his patients and expertise in his field of Urology. She on many occasions emphasised to me his bedside manner with patients was a privilege to behold. As a patient I witnessed this for myself as I was given exemplary care and utmost attention that a patient could wish for when I had Urological problems over later years. Aidan is indeed a very caring human being and gentleman.

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As an allied health professional I have serious concerns regarding the way Mr O'Brien has been dealt with by the media and the Department of Health. They have vilified him over a few days and totally failed to mention how many lives he saved over 3 decades and the late nights he was in Craigavon Hospital caring for his patients. I have experienced this with my father and father-in-law and have listened to my patients over 20 years praising this consultant.

I chose to practise privately as numerous colleagues highlighted the drawbacks in the NHS, namely, extensive workloads and the inability to provide a service we were trained to do.

Consultants, doctors and allied health professionals have been subjected to unbearable pressures over numerous years in the NHS, piled on by senior administration staff.

I am not aware of the extent of full allegations, but it would appear that some procedures were not carried out within time limits and Mr O'Brien's ability is being questioned.

I would question the board! Where was peer review? What had the board in place to prevent this? And have they anything in place to prevent this happening to other consultants or clinicians.

It would appear that the board or body which oversees clinical practice has taken absolutely no responsibility in this matter. I fear they may go to any length to cover their inactions.

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I have known Mr Aidan O'Brien for over 30 years. I was a patient of Dr O'Brien for several years with prostate cancer, he was always very professional and dedicated in a very personal and caring way. I can not thank him enough for the care, treatment and manner in which he dealt with me. I wish him a happy retirement which he truly deserves.

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This is purely a vendetta by SH&SCT to blacken the name of a true professional and a decent human being. Dedicated to his patients, he went above and beyond to help them. He was a gentleman to work with. However, he often questioned the inadequacy of upper management, because of their poor decision making. For the benefit of his patients, he'd get his way. Now their bullying and cronyism continue unabated.

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Typical of all large businesses in public and private sector. You do your job to an exemplary standard but as soon as you start to raise issues and voice concerns rather than the "suits" listening and trying to deal with them they close ranks against you and degrade you as their first and only priority is to protect themselves and their large pensions. I just hope that when this enquiry is over and Aidan O'Brien is (as he most certainly will be) totally exonerated the names of all of those who have tried to ruin the representation of this gentleman are put in the public domain and become the subject of a public enquiry. Aidan O'Brien cared for both of my parents to the highest of standards and on many an occasion went over and above the call of duty to ensure their comfort at all times.

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Mr OBrien seen my son a few years ago in his private clinic for a second opinion. He provided a high standard of care to my son and I found him to be excellent. Mr OBrien took time to explain and discuss any concerns we had. the Trust should be ashamed ! We are 100% supporting Mr OBrien

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It was so sad to hear this as Mr O'Brien was an excellent surgeon and is a true gentleman. When I worked with him he had a huge workload and remit of patients. He treated everyone with such dignity and respect. It is awful to treat him like this after all the years of good work he provided. I'm not sure why this couldn't have been dealt with in a more private way between Mr O'Brien and those affected. My thinking is the politicians were trying to defer the bad press from them after making such a mess of the management and poor decisions they have made around COVID. They should take a look at how many have suffered at the hands of their poor decisions and actions or lack off. Will they too be held accountable?

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When I worked as a Staff Nurse in Childrens Ward in Craigavon I can say that Mr O'Brien was one the most professional and caring Consultants I ever had the pleasure to work with ... he showed such care and kindness to all his patients and I particularly remember one young boy who had major surgery just prior to Christmas. Mr O'Brien did such a fabulous job for him and his family and I know how much the family thought of him as I used to meet his father quite frequently and he always mentioned how grateful he was to Mr O'Brien and the staff in the ward for the care his son received it also has to be said that I met Mr O'Brien on a regular basis in the corridors of the hospital at 8, 9 and 10 o'clock at night and often commented to him that he never seemed to go home. He was always so polite and friendly towards the nursing staff and I am pleased to have worked alongside him and wish to express my wholehearted support for him.

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As a recently retired GP in the Southern Trust I had many opportunities to witness the way Mr Aidan O'Brien treated my patients. The message I was getting from them was of a polite, communicative doctor who was doing his best to care for them in a compassionate and honest manner. The fact that this feedback remained so consistent over three decades is indeed worthy of note.

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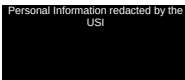
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Mr O'Brien provided exceptional care to a family member diagnosed with a renal malignancy and I am both disappointed and ashamed to read how he has been treated of late. While I am not familiar with any of the particulars relating to this inquiry, nor have I worked with Mr O'Brien, it would appear that this is primarily based on administrative issues rather than any major issues with clinical care or competence.

As a junior surgeon in the NHS, I can only say that the administrative burden on doctors is huge and there is little support with this even when issues are escalated. I sympathise that he did not feel he had sufficient time to do this in a safe and thorough manner. However, given my own experiences, I am unfortunately not surprised.

With regards to reports of some management decisions deviating from guidelines I would suggest this is disrespectful to a surgical consultant of his experience. No guideline or protocol will ever be exhaustive. Rational, reasoned, clinical decision-making outside of guidelines based on individual circumstances is entirely appropriate. While it is justifiable that any valid concerns are investigated, I am sceptical that this case is an appropriate use of a public inquiry process. Furthermore, I hope this process will ensure any concerns he had previously raised are heard in an open, fair and transparent manner with appropriate accountability.

I wish him all the best during this difficult time



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I would like to show my support for Aidan O'Brien. On the first occasion that he treated me, it was in a private capacity. When it came to payment he told me to put the payment in a charity box. He has treated me on two further occasions and I can honestly say that he has always showed a high degree of professionalism and I really am indebted to him. He is in my opinion not only a brilliant doctor but also a brilliant person. I have absolutely no doubts about his professionalism and integrity.

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I have worked with Aidan as a medical colleague for quite a number of years. He is the embodiment of what a consultant surgeon should be. Devoted to his patients and excellent in his clinical practice.

I am very saddened and concerned to see this capable clinician persecuted in this fashion, especially as there seems to be no actual concerns with his clinical practice according to the Irish News article of 13/2/21.

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Aidan O'Brien is a gentleman and a very compassionate consultant. My family were treated under Mr O'Brien and he showed nothing but professionalism compassion and an ability to make people feel reassured and confident. A brilliant consultant.

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I called Dr O'Brien for a second opinion. His knowledge was vast and he gave me good, honest advice. That's the man he is..... good and honest. Shame on you all!

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My late mother was one of Mr.O'Brien's first patients at CAH as he had just taken up the post. She needed surgery for a very aggressive tumor. He performed the surgery and she had a course of chemo. The op & treatment were extremely successful as the cancer never returned. My mother really appreciated all he had done for her. Mr.O'Brien's professionalism was exemplary throughout all her treatment. He was a perfect gentleman. This is a total witch hunt to discredit this lovely Dr's name and his excellent reputation. I wish him well for the future.

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As a former patient of Mr Aidan O'Brien I would like to extend to him my full support, as the care I recieved from both him had his team at Craigavon Area Hospital and his own compassion and professionalism that he extended to me, were exemplary.

That petty and small minded people have sought to tarnish such a dedicated professional is reprehensible and suggests that those individuals take a long look in the mirror at their own shabby reputations for the disgraceful course of action that they have pursued

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As a family we have been shocked and saddened to hear that Mr Aidan O'Brien is to be subjected to an enquiry at the end of what has been a very long and distinguished career.

Our paths crossed back in October 1997 when our son (then aged 2) became seriously ill and was admitted to Craigavon with what turned out to be a major urological issue.

Mr O'Brien took on his care over a period of months until his surgery on 23rd December 1997, when most of his left kidney had to be removed. As you can imagine it was an extremely tough and worrying time for us all watching our young son go through so much, but Mr O'Brien was there for us every step of the way, explaining initial procedures, through to surgery and reassuring us that all would be well.

Surgery was very successful, as was the aftercare that he received, in fact going above and beyond what we would ever have expected. Mr O'Brien's frequent visits to the Children's ward, day and very late into the nights to check on our son (and us) were very much appreciated. He even visited on Boxing Day, bringing his wife with him, when he in fact was meant to be off duty. Well that says it all!!!!!! What a gentleman and a true professional. Our son, who is almost 26, has never looked behind him and is a fit and healthy young man, thanks to the amazing treatment given by Mr O'Brien.

It is scandalous that such a dedicated and hard working man should be facing this enquiry. We wish to make public our support for Mr O'Brien.

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Aidan O'Brien is one of life's gentlemen. I had the pleasure to work with him for many years. Not only was he a respected colleague but he became a friend, interested in people & their health. When diagnosed with leukaemia I had many phone calls from him enquiring about my health. He lifted my spirits many times. I am gutted to read these reports against him but I am praying that Aidan will shine through this.

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I wish by way of this message to express my horror and disgust at what the Southern Health Trust is trying to do as blacken a doctor's good name, as in Mr Aidan O'Brien. My first encounter with him was just as he had taken up the post in CAH. First impression on that day I still recall, a man of immense measure of everything a doctor should be. A wonderful caring human being. He there and then told me he would send me to a former colleague of his in Dublin as CAH did not have the laser machine at that time for kidney stones, so I did go.

A few years later, my husband attended him for a prostate problem. His care and attention again was nothing but exceptional. This gentleman excels at his job as a urologist.

Fast forward a few years and my late father was a patient in CAH where he witnessed first hand the working conditions of those employed by the Trust. Medical staff were confiding in him about pay and working conditions. Him, holding position at that time, of chairman of TGWU, he was connected to these people and immediately asked for the chairman who was one of the FAT CATS of the Southern Health Trust to come to his bedside to discuss matters. It never happened. Therefore I am not surprised as to what is going using Mr O'Brien for their failures and incompetence to run the Southern Health Trust as it should be. Trying to push him under a bus, the FAT CATS of the Trust should be UNDER THE BUS! I would hope, but not hold my breath that someone within the Trust would GROW A PAIR and stand up, address this and be champion of the underdog and show respect to this gentleman who no doubt, is daddy to all who specialise in the same field. Whatever happened to knowing right from wrong?

As for Mr Robin Swann, I would suggest he takes off his rose coloured glasses and looks at his own doorstep because this is not at the doorstep of Mr O'Brien. The problem has and ALWAYS has been, the Southern Health Trust. Shame on them.

Mr O'Brien, I sincerely hope you read this and you hold your head up high as you have not created the problem, the Southern Health Trust have. Always remember right will rightify itself. Thinking of you and thanking you for your wonderful care.

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I was under Aidan O'Brien's care for a number of years before he retired. He was thorough, courteous and considerate at all times. I was shocked to hear of allegations concerning his clinical practice in the NHS. I look forward to hearing Aidan's side of the story in the forthcoming public inquiry and the restoration of his professional and personal reputation.

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I Have Known Mr O'Brien Since The 90'S Both As A Theatre Porter And Patient. Aidan Always Treated Me With Dignity And Respect. His Advice And Treatment On My Medical Condition Was Always Spot On. He Also Was The Consultant Who Dealt With My Partner's Complaint. Without His Superb Knowledge And Outstanding Skill She Would Not Have Had The Extra 23 Years [And Still Going Strong] Which She Is Still Enjoying. I Honestly Believe Aiden Will Come Out The Other Side Completely Absolved Of All This Nonsense. I Wish Aidan All The Very Best And Hope He Can Put All This Behind Him.

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This situation is very alarming. Is it conceivable that a hugely respected clinician of almost thirty years standing – during which time he not only headed up a major clinical service, but also trained successive generations of younger consultant urologists along with other medical and para-medical professionals – at some point became clinically incompetent, and nobody noticed until he subsequently left the building? What if he were still there? What if any of his colleagues are in the same situation?

Mr. O'Brien did not work in isolation. Any just and fair review of his practice therefore necessitates an equally stringent review of the network of sophisticated and expensive structures and systems whose raison d'être, after all, is to support the work of clinicians and ensure the timely delivery of quality services. These include management, technology, resource allocation, support staff, clinical governance, appraisal and revalidation.

On a more personal note this is deeply saddening. Mr. O'Brien is a man of long-standing stellar reputation, both personal and professional. He is widely known as a good and modest man – a man before whom all men are equal regardless of power and rank. A man who has lived his life on the side of the angels. I have personally seen him offer kindly assistance to very junior and inexperienced staff without having to be asked.

He should be spending his golden years with his family and his friends, and enjoying activities previously denied to him because of his vocational commitment. To imagine that none of this can be easy is quite an understatement.

So for all our sakes – this enquiry needs to be conducted in a thorough and timely fashion. We await the outcome.

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Mr O'Brien performed my first major operation in 1995 and I have had numerous operations performed by him ever since. He always put his patients first and you knew he was in his office late at night by the smell off his coffee. He travelled to a nearby hospital to assist in an operation I required as he didn't want any complications to arise, I can't see too many other surgeons doing that. He was always at the end of the phone and would even phone late at night and weekends to see how things were. I think it is appalling the way he is being treated after all the hard work he has given the trust over the past 30 years. He should be able to enjoy his retirement with his family instead of having an enquiry hanging over him and ruining his reputation. His work is exemplary and he is the most meticulous and professional surgeon I have known, both as a patient and as a nurse. I cannot wait till he clears his name. I would class Mr O'Brien as a friend more than my surgeon and I am forever indebted to him and appalled that this is even happening to him x

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Aidan O'Brien was an absolute gentleman who lived for his work, I worked near by him in the hospital and often seen him leaving late after checking on all his patients before going home. He was also my son's surgeon (when he was 11) and I couldn't have asked for a better person, he was so good with him and always spoke to him and not directly to me made my son feel so important and after surgery followed up on him and even few months later in work asked me how he was and it was just who he was! Never did I meet him in work that he didn't say hello how are you etc and his staff he worked with were so fond of him & they are all in shock this is even happening. Stay strong Mr O'Brien 🙏

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Cant believe this true gentleman and such a professional consultant has to go through what he has been put through at the start of his retirement. Mr OB as we called you in our home we couldn't of done with out you over the years you treated Personal Information redacted by the USI Infact that was 24years and on many occasions saved his life. You were a God send to us when we didn't know were to turn and your expertise came up Trumps ever time!!

On many occasions Personal Information redacted by the USI was admitted late at night and need emergency surgery of course you never left him even to the point to he returned to the ward at silly o'clock and back in the morning before day light to see how he was. I remember us making the joke your family definitely doesn't get a chance to get sick seeing you he give all his attention and time to his patients who he treated all the same. On another occasion Personal Information redacted by the USI went through surgery on the Friday and you were off on the Saturday and were going to The Rugby in Dublin you even phone the ward to see how he was doing that day I remember the nurse coming to Personal Information redacted by the USI bed to say Mr O'BRIEN was phoning from Dublin to see how you are. This blew my mind to think that you would think of us in this way. We never seen Mr OB privately but was always treated like a private patient!

We hold him with the upmost respect and have indeed forward a letter voicing our disgust to Robin Swann at the way this Gentleman has been treated. Some people seem to have short memories as this man went above and beyond what was ever expected from him. Not only did he show the professional side he also showed true compassion to every patient. We have No Doubt that your Name will still stand high Mr OB and we want to thank you for all you done for Personal Information redacted by the USI as we think of you as a friend after all these years. We are 100% behind you. X

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I am a retired Ward Sister who worked with Mr O'Brien who was always the gentleman. During that time I had nothing but respect for him as he was a reliable, professional and hard working Consultant. He genuinely cared for his patients who held him in high regard. I have no doubt this 'witch hunt' is soul destroying for Mr O'Brien and his family. The Southern Trust need to take a long hard look at themselves for the way in which some of their managerial employees treated their colleagues in the past! 'Only a number' springs to mind!

I stand with you Mr O'Brien.

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I worked alongside Mr O'Brien as a theatre Nurse for many years, and within that time I have known him to be a complete gentleman, hardworking, meticulous, professional and absolutely exemplary in his field.

Mr O'Brien is renowned for his dedication towards his patients and has shown nothing but high standards throughout his career, I wish him all the best and think that questioning his lifelong career as a consultant is beyond outrageous, I sincerely hope Aidan can see these comments and know how valued and respected he is, and eventually get the peace in his retirement he fully deserves.

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In 2005 my husband of 44 was diagnosed with kidney cancer. He was placed under the care of Aidan O'Brien. The surgery was so complicated and required many many hours in theatre as the tumour was so big. Mr O'Brien worked tirelessly and hours on end to save my husband's life. After the Very complicated surgery my husband spent the night in recovery at theatre. Not only did Aidan carry out this surgery but he spent the night reassuring me that he would be ok. Aidan didn't leave us at anytime 11pm that night he was still with me at my husband's bedside. Something we will never ever forget. His care didn't stop there. Every day for the next 28 he was with me in Cah. I can't imagine any consultant in any hospital anywhere to provide this care and attention. Not only to my husband but also to me. He is one in ten million. A true honest genuine professional who becomes part of the family when you need him most. I think the trust should be modelling the younger doctors coming up on Aidan's way of treating patients. Instead of torturing him and his family when he should be enjoying his retirement. Hopefully someone will see sense very very soon.

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Back in 1993 I suffered from retroperitoneal fibrosis and for a long time was in considerable pain with no one able to diagnosis what was wrong. Eventually the local doctor got in touch with Dr Aiden O'Brien at Craigavon hospital and he diagnosed the disease at once- a rare and potentially fatal condition – and operated accordingly. But in the years after, and away beyond the call of duty, he kept in touch and gladly, warmly and freely responded to any questions I had.

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Innocent and being poorly treated at the end of a long career

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I have had the privilege of working with Aidan O'Brien for approximately 25 years. In that time I have only witnessed meticulous and thorough work by this surgeon. I can wholeheartedly support the fact that he is a man integrity, who put in selfless hours of service over and above anything expected within any contract. I have observed him at all times treating his patients with dignity and respect. I hope that Aidan can have these accusations quashed as soon as possible, in order to allow he and his family to enjoy the peaceful and happy retirement he should be having. You are in my thoughts and prayers, Aidan and

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Aidan and I have been close friends and colleagues since medical school. We were each other's
Personal information redacted by the USI I have known his family very well too. I know how compassionate and devoted to his work and patients he has been since graduation, and I know how hard he worked and how much he sacrificed to get to where he is in his specialty. There is no way I could believe the false accusations he is facing. I am sure, Aidan, that you will come through this crisis with confirmation of your innocence with flying colours.

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I recently listened to an interview with Dr. Owasee Jeelani, the surgeon who operated on conjoined twins Safa & Marwa in which he said whilst a trainee surgeon he received advice from his mentor and I thought immediately of Aidan O'Brien. The advice was 'always do your best, speak the truth to your patients, their families and to those above you'. Aidan has always done this.

A glance through other contributors to this site shows a recurrent theme, respect, dedication, expertise, caring, professionalism, long hours, friendship, any one of such qualities most of us would wish attached to our name.

Another recurring theme is that most patients of Aidan refer to him as Aidan, not Mr O'Brien, who he undoubtedly was, but he was also a friend to them. A doctor colleague of Aidan's summed this up by saying, 'Aidan provided treatment and care, something becoming quite rare today'.

All of us who know Aidan and work in healthcare are confident that this enquiry will exonerate Aidan fully and restore his professional reputation to where it should never have come under question in the first place.

I am proud to say I have known Aidan for all of 56 years, he has treated my mum allowing us to have her for 12 years after her surgery, he has also treated two of our sons, several cousins, dozens of friends and countless of my own pharmacy patients, all of whom have the utmost respect for Mr. O'Brien.

These past few months seem to be grossly unfair to a consultant of this high standing in both his professional field and community who has only ever sought to bring healing. I hope these contributions bring some healing to Aidan and his family.

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I have seen first hand, in my capacity as a recovery staff nurse, the dedication and commitment that Mr O'Brien has shown to all his patients. He always went over and beyond the call of duty in the treatment and after care that he showed daily to all his patients who he came in contact with. He deserves to enjoy his retirement, so I hope this investigation will come to a close quickly so he can enjoy his well deserved retirement with the dignity and respect that he has earned through his long hard working career

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Mr O'Brien was the consultant in charge of my fathers care many years ago. After having been misdiagnosed previously by other doctors, Mr O'Brien wasted no time in investigating my fathers illness and diagnosed him with terminal cancer. Even though I was relatively young at the time, I still remember the gentle and considerate way in which Mr O'Brien sat with my family to break the news to us. At such a difficult time in our lives, that meant so much. He cared for my father during his remaining weeks and ensured that he was as comfortable as he could possibly be, something for which we will never be able to thank him enough. I do not believe any of these allegations against Mr O'Brien as he always put the care of his patients first. I think it is disgraceful what this man is being put through by the trust. Mr O'Brien was a remarkable doctor and I simply cannot praise him enough for all he did for my father and our family.

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My young son had to have a procedure with Mr O'Brien, he did an amazing job, and was such a gent that morning, as a nervous mother I could hardly answer his questions.

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Mr O'Brien was an absolute gentleman, who, from the outset, showed care and compassion, got my scans all sorted quickly and his follow-up was exemplary. He went over and above what was expected of him. Thank you Mr O'Brien, you are an amazing man, hold your head up high.

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As a now retired QUB Lecturer in Nursing I had many occasions when I saw first hand the work of Mr O'Brien when I visited the urology ward in Craigavon hospital. Aidan was always professional and courteous to his patients and their family and always went the extra mile to be supportive to his patients. He is caring and devoted to his work, so much so that getting him to leave the ward late into the evenings was the only complaint I heard from nursing staff. I wish to put on record my support for Aidan and his family.

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I had the privilege of being Aidan's [redacted] Aidan is everything that is good. He is a wonderful consultant urologist. I fully support him and hope that the enquiry is dealt with quickly and he gets the justice he deserves. Stay strong Aidan.

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Although I'm not a patient of Aidan O'Brien's, I'm aware of family who have been. I've never heard anything other than positive testimony about the diligence and care provided by Mr O'Brien. I have also met Aidan on many occasions and have always found him to be courteous and always keen to engage. Like everything else too many people are too quick to jump to conclusions when these sort of matters emerge first. It is always best to wait until all the facts emerge before passing any sort of opinion, especially in a case involving a man who has held such long & distinguished service and who has helped and improved the lives of so, so many people. Good luck to Aidan and his family and I hope that there full facts in this matter are unveiled.

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Couldn't agree more with that. Many years ago Mr O'Brien treated me and without a doubt, he was one of most caring consultants I have ever had and his bed side manner was second to none, he cared about his patients and it was so so genuine. Shame on the trust for putting this gentleman through this after all the years off service he has given them.

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Aidan O'Brien is an upstanding of his community, his profession and a dedicated family man. The vilification and portrayal of Aidan by the local press, media and the Trust itself has to be brought into serious question, as the unsubstantiated allegations and accusations are totally at odds with character of Aidan. Verum Autem Ex.

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I fully support Aidan O'Brien

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It is with great annoyance that I have to write this. Dr Aidan O'Brien has always been the most genuine considerate and dignified Gentleman that I have had the privilege of knowing. As a professional Doctor I can't imagine a more dedicated person, who has worked tirelessly throughout his career. Craigavon Area Hospital will certainly miss his experience and passion for all his patients.

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My earliest memories of Mr O'Brien are from when I was a student nurse on the wards in CAH. He was one of the very few doctors that stuck in my mind, for the sheer fact that he respected & acknowledged every single person that walked through those doors, be it staff, patients, relatives.. He always had a nod and a smile which was a rare occasion towards students, as when in training we were often made to feel invisible! The care and dedication that he put in to the job was incredible, he always went above & beyond.

Fast forward a few years & I was a fully fledged staff nurse, honoured to be stood beside him scrubbed up in DPU STH theatre, assisting him with day procedure cases, then moving on to CAH. Here I had the pleasure of working alongside him for routine & emergency urology cases. I loved scrubbing for him, he taught me everything I know and I always felt so reassured by his side. He would talk often of how he had such a quick turnaround after only leaving the office late the evening before, then back in for his shift the following day. He put his everything into his job role. Never once did I, nor would I doubt his practice.

I now work as a community staff nurse, often managing patients with urological needs. I am now seeing his work from another perspective – i have never heard any of his patients say anything negative, in fact it is quite the opposite. The continual pattern is always that he is such a gentleman, a great consultant in his field and so highly respected by anyone he has come in to contact with. I have absolute faith that justice will prevail and that 'Aidan' as he was known to us in theatre can enjoy the retirement he deserves with his wonderful family.

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I have known Aidan O'Brien all my life. He is the most dedicated, honest, professional person that I know. His entire medical career was devoted to the exceptional care of his patients.

I'm astonished that after 30 years of dedication to the job, the patients and to the community, the Southern Trust now sees fit to treat one of the most devoted consultants in this country in this most disgraceful manner.

One must wonder if Mr O'Brien is being used as a scapegoat for failings in the system.

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As a nurse I have had the privilege to look after Mr Aidan O'Brien's patients over the past 20 years. He worked long hours and nothing was too much trouble for him. He spent time with his patients, talked with them, put them at ease and time and time again he was described as a "true gentleman" and "a great Doctor" – statements which I and my colleagues completely agree with.

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Respected doctor Aidan O'Brien I wrote you a thanks you letter. I am very sorry that (Google translator) is misrepresenting my thoughts. In relation to your colleagues, you are retiring you have left a very good team I am all grateful for. Biggest thanks to the urologist who cares about health. With the utmost respect.

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Aidan O'Brien was such a gentleman. As my consultant I couldn't have asked for any better treatment from him. He took his time with everything making sure I understood my treatment and followed through. He cared about his patients and many a night I would of received a phone call to see how things were going and what the next step was. A true gentleman.

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Mr O'Brien Save my life actually a year today 15 January 2020 (in theater with team i had obstruction in left kidney with septicemia) he was an absolute gentleman with me and he help me to get second surgery and made sure i was in good hands, i think is horrible what media is doing (i will never forget when he shake my hands next morning doctors visit and at same time talking to me he was checking my pulse because of my heart rate) and he said i will be fine and i did. (am girl who left ulster clinic on motorbike remember) lol Thank you if you read this xx

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A dedicated professional colleague

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I would like to show my support for Aidan O' Brien, I was under his care over 20 yrs ago, and my husband was under his care August 2019, great consultant and absolute gentle man.

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My experience of Aidan OBrien was one that I remember fondly and with respect. He would not just be my number one go to if I had choice for urological issues but my choice as a human who had tonnes of empathy for patients in very distressing situations and as a staff member his number one concern was more for patients and their families and less for bureaucracy . If there were more Aidan O'Brien's there would be more kindness more compassion and more joy in this world. Thank you for my experience of you Aidan it is treasured.

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Staff nurse 2000 CAH.

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Aidan O'Brien is one of life's true gentlemen – he looked after my husband when he was unwell – his care, attention to detail and aftercare went above and beyond the call of duty. Aidan is one of those people who come along once in a lifetime – a decent, upright and honest man who goes the extra mile and always willing to help. Our family is so hurt by the negativity that has come through the media – it would appear Mr O'Brien is a scapegoat for other people/Trust failings. Isn't it time Mr O'Brien's selfless actions for so many people were highlighted and acknowledged. We trust Aidan that yourself and family get the strength from within to withstand this barrage of negativity and that brighter days lie ahead for you all. We will always be here for you all.

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I have worked with Mr O'Brien for a good 20 years or more, the care he gave his patients was second to none. A true gentleman he went out of his way to help each one of them its a disgrace the way he has been treated I for one support you all the way hold your head up high where it should be x

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I was admitted to craigavon area hospital in 2010 with an illness I never heard of itp and a clot on my right kidney, I spent 13 weeks in hospital and without the dedication of Dr Boyd and Dr O'Brien, I would not have survived I still attend the mandleville unit two wonderful professional doctors. Dr OBrien was very genuine, caring doctor.

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Thank you so much for all you did for me. Your professional manner and overall professionalism, is something all of us in public service aspire to.

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Greatly respected by any of my patients who he treated and any medical colleagues that I know who also had dealings with him.

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A true gentleman and great doctor

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I fully support Mr Aidan O'Brien

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Mr O'Brien was a real gentleman. He treated my father for prostate problems. Was such a lovely doctor. Always had time to listen to people's problems and queries. Something most Doctors don't do now. We wish him well.

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I have known Aidan for over 40 years, from medical school and subsequently as a medical colleague. Aidan was one of the very few consultants in his field to contact me (in Clinical Genetics) about advice for his patients. He always demonstrated care, concern and comprehensive knowledge about possible genetic diagnoses and issues.

Aidan, I hope you and your family can enjoy the retirement you deserve.

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As I am reading these messages of support for Aidan O'Brien I cannot express strong enough how badly he is being treated by the trust it is so disgusting, that a man who dedicated his life to the care of very ill people has had his reputation put into question. I may not have been a patient of Mr O'Brien but I certainly know many people who have and I have only ever heard good things about Aidan. I am over 80 years old and have on many occasions over the years been at the hospital visiting family friends and many times I have ran into Aidan who at very late hours is still there on his ward, if all our Doctors were as dedicated as that, our health service would be in a better place. It just baffles me why after all his years of work and just after he retired that the Trust decided to repay his long service, by bringing into question his work. It is beyond disgusting to put this gentleman and brilliant Doctor through this, when he and his family should be enjoying and celebrating his long years of service on saving lives. We have been clapping the NHS over this past year. I would like to personally applaud this dedicated Doctor and hope I live to see the day that the Trust apologise in public to this brilliant man and restore his reputation which should never ever, have been questioned.

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An absolute gentleman and scholar.

Always respectful, friendly and a workaholic. Would ring late in the evening having studied my case and never gave up until he found the problem.

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As a family we have known Aidan for in excess of 60 years. His honesty, humility, morals and modesty have always stood out to us. Aidan was born to be in the medical profession, he has an amazing, unique ability to connect with people and a hunger to help. These he does with both compassion and care. We know the man and he will continue to have our upmost trust. This man has done nothing but good for others, he was a highly respected consultant who earned his reputation through many, many years of outstanding service. That he is now having to deal with this is despicable. This enquiry should be squashed so he can have the peaceful retirement he rightly deserves. We know the dreadful impact this is having on him and his entire family and are outraged by it. Hang in there Aidan, we are walking with you.

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Hang in there Mr O'Brien we are all behind you

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I was a patient of Aidan O'Brien's from 1994 until 2017. During that period I was hospitalized a number of times and frequently attended his clinic for treatment. His thorough testing and accurate diagnosis of my condition in itself confirmed I was in a safe pair of hands and when I finally agreed to a procedure (which I had needed for years and kept putting off for an irrational fear of side effects), he carried it out with an expertise and precision which gave me a whole new life (totally free of side effects!). He followed up with a home telephone call and a face to face review. Throughout he was the personification of professionalism and decency. During these many years I became aware that he was admired and respected by his colleagues and nursing staff both for his skill and the long hours he spent on his commitment and dedication to patients. It is beyond the bounds of possibility that such a man could be guilty of any professional infringements let alone those which would warrant a public inquiry. I can only surmise that the powers that be in the Trust must have ulterior motives for attempting to discredit such a gifted individual. A monumental injustice.

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Aidan treated my disabled brother 2 years ago in CAH we found him very professional. When it came to treating my brother he was very understanding and patient with my brother and treated him no different to any other patient. He put my mother at ease when it came to my brother's op. A true gentleman and excellent at his job.

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I have worked with Aidan O'Brien for 20 years and would recommend him to my family if a Urologist was required. A very caring professional and gentleman.

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I was a patient of Aidan's for many years in CAH and have had the privilege of getting to know him throughout this time. I have always had a complex medical history and on several occasions Aidan operated on me with very difficult procedures. I would not be here today if it was not for the professional care and attention afforded to me through the years. Aidan would often have left my side in ICU or on the wards late at night and have been ringing into the nurses station at all hours to monitor my progress, only to be back at my side in the early morning. This was not just a job for him but a vocation that he has dedicated his life to. I got to know many other patients under his care throughout the years and like myself they could not speak highly enough of Aidan. I hope this inquiry is dealt with swiftly so that Aidan can enjoy his well earned retirement and move on from this dreadful experience he is being put through. Take care Aidan you have our full support!

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Aidan O'Brien is the epitome of what modern health care should be about. In my years knowing him he has been nothing other than an absolute professional coupled with compassion, experience and a constant determination to do the very best for his patients.

You only have to read the comments below to understand how this man went above and beyond for everyone who had the pleasure of meeting him.

It is beyond my comprehension as to why the trust is seeking to taint this man in such a manner but one could surmise that this is a concerted attempt to create a fall guy for the abject failings of the trust itself.

What I do know is, Mr O'Brien will continue to conduct himself with the utmost of dignity. Just as he helped many of us in our hour of need, now is our time to return the favour.

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Mr O'Brien treated my mother who sadly passed away in May, she last seen Mr O'Brien in February. We as a family could not speak highly enough about this man, his caring ways in the way he spoke to our mother whom had dementia and the way in which her treatment was carried out, nothing was any trouble. We could not speak highly enough of him. If all doctors and consultants had the same manners as this man, the Health service would be a nicer place.

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I'm a retired GP from Tyrone and many of my patients have cause to be forever grateful for the skill dedication and compassion shown by this dedicated and hard working consultant. Again, on behalf of myself and my patients, Thank you

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I got treated by Mr O'Brien about 25 years ago for amyloid deposits.

One could simply not have been in safer hands.

A very professional consultant and gentleman.

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My name is [redacted] retired Macmillan CNS. I have seen Mr O'Brien during multiple doctor / patient / staff consultation situations on ward rounds and in breaking bad news. I strongly believe Mr O'Brien to be of upstanding moral character who always put his patients first. Sometimes leaving the ward late at night ensuring patients and staff where happy.

He always looked after his ward staff and was very courteous to all members of the team.

I give Mr O'Brien my full support 100%

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An absolute gentleman and an amazing colleague... nothing else needs said.

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I have known Aidan O'Brien since I started teaching him in the [redacted] in the mid-60's. He was a fine young man and an excellent pupil, and an inspiration to his classmates.

My respect for him increased over the years since that, as we would occasionally meet under varying circumstances. My high opinion of him continued to grow, especially when I became one of his patients some years ago.

It is dreadful that he is now being subjected to unjustified inferences in the media.

I hope and pray that these sordid attacks on his character will be brought to an end as soon as possible.

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We're all behind you Aidan. The truth will come out.

Keep strong.

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I am a retired Chief Nursing Officer having spent 41 years in healthcare in England. After returning to Northern Ireland I was referred to Aidan O'Brien for a urological matter. His name was given to me by many friends as the best Consultant in my area.

I have been under his care for the past ten years and can state without hesitation he was the correct choice. He is totally professional in his approach, has great interpersonal skills and is highly intelligent. He has a holistic caring nature.

I have worked with many Consultants in all Medical specialties both in clinical and managerial roles and I would place Aidan O'Brien in the highest category.

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I had the privilege and pleasure of being under the care of Mr O'Brien for twenty years. The care which I have received during my numerous hospital procedures has been outstanding. I will never forget how Mr O'Brien would be present on the ward late at night and there again first thing in the morning. His dedication was highly commendable. It wasn't unusual for him to take the time to telephone himself to arrange a date for surgery. Anyone I've ever spoken to about Mr O'Brien speak just as highly of him as I do. He should be celebrated and praised for his professionalism, care and compassion! Mr O'Brien, you have touched the lives of so many and I'll be forever grateful for the treatment and care which I received from you. Thank you!

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I would like to show my support for Aidan and am lucky enough to have experienced how helpful he can be for his patients. When my wife  was unwell in the early nineties Aidan was very helpful to us when we needed it and of course we had a very positive and successful outcome.

I wish you all the best going forward Aidan.

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I met Aidan a few years ago when I was suffering a lot of pain and constantly unwell. I had been back and forth to the GP but was getting no where, Aidan took the time to investigate thoroughly, diagnose and treat me. Had it not been for Aidan I would probably have never been diagnosed and would still be suffering daily.

Aidan is a excellent doctor with such a kind and caring manor, patience, sense of humour, professionalism and of course his gifted skills. His dedication to his career and to his patients is evident. Aidan always took the time to speak to me before and after surgeries, an absolute gentleman.

I am shocked and saddened to hear what is happening at the minute. I hope all this is dealt with quickly and Aidan gets the time to enjoy the retirement that he truly deserve after his years of dedication to the health service.

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I am shocked and saddened to see how this has been covered by the media. If all the good that Mr Aidan O'Brien has achieved in his career was covered by the media he would be seen as a celebrity although in my eyes he is. Aidan cared with such compassion for my mother over many years and thanks to him she is with us today. We are honoured to call him a family friend and we are devastated to see such a well respected man be put through such a terrible ordeal. Aidan, myself and my family cannot thank you enough for going above and beyond for our mother and we wish you all the best with this inquiry. May god bless you and your family and guide you through this difficult time.

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In late 1992 my young wife suddenly developed a very serious urological condition and was admitted to CAH – 2 South – as an emergency.

Mr O'Brien was in attendance immediately and started a plan of urgent investigations. Mr O'Brien was then the only Consultant Urologist at CAH for this much needed service.

I observed then Mr O'Brien's work ethic of care and compassion and his professionalism was outstanding. His bedside manner of reassurances at a time of real concern I could not put in words even today he was just amazing.

As a family we were shocked and sad with the initial diagnosis confirmed by Mr O'Brien however he provided round the clock specialised care and attention. Mr O'Brien always explained everything in detail to my wife and myself. Mr O'Brien had to take my wife to theatre on many occasions, he was always there to see her before and after surgery and most times late in the evenings and night.

I will never ever forget what Mr O'Brien did for me and our children (we had three young children and two had not even started primary school).

Many nights long after 11pm Mr O'Brien would phone with long awaited results. What words can describe a Consultant like that. That's how much Mr O'Brien cared for his patient. Mr O'Brien sought a second opinion on my wife's treatment from a Consultant Urologist in Dublin (there were few services in NI) and she was also treated there and this second opinion confirmed the treatment that Mr O'Brien had planned.

For many years my wife continued to be Mr O'Brien's patient where she received exceptional clinical care delivered with care, compassion and excellent communication given every step of the way.

Our family are indebted to Mr O'Brien for everything he did then and still now for my wife. Mr O'Brien made the right clinical decisions for my wife and her treatment was very effective, this was confirmed by a second Consultant Urologist.

Mr O'Brien is an excellent Consultant Urologist and has provided care and treatment to other family members and friends. My wife and I couldn't speak highly enough of this highly skilled and professional man. We know only too well what he did and what he is like – outstanding.

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Mr O'Brien is one of the best consultants I've ever had the pleasure to meet. Mr O'Brien saved my brother's life after he fell 86 feet off the top of a building straight onto scaffolding where it pierced him straight through his abdomen. You might say well that is what Doctors do! and you would be right! It was the care and attention he showed day and night following surgery. This Gentle Man would go home at the end of his duty have something to eat and straight back to his patient's bedside until my brother was out of danger. Mr O'Brien went through every step of this traumatic experience with myself and my family. Some months later I seen him walking through the hospital late at night with that worried look on his face and I thought straight away "There he goes again to the side of his patient and their family".

If the trust had more genuine caring dedicated professional people like this Consultant, Mr O'Brien, it would go a long long way instead of throwing good men like this under the bus.

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I would like to show my support to a true gentleman Mr Aidan O'Brien. I am proud to call him a friend as he has operated many times on my wife. Myself and my family can only describe Aidan as a guardian angel who we believe is the reason my wife is here today. As a family we witnessed firsthand his dedication, care, compassion and support not only to my wife but to my whole family through some terrible times. It is a privilege to know Aidan O'Brien as he is an exceptional man who can hold his head high with outstanding credibility. I wish you all the best Aiden we are truly blessed to have had your help and support over many years.

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Shocked and disappointed at the media coverage on Dr O'Brien a truly dedicated, compassionate and knowledgeable consultant. He has the support of myself and my whole family.

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My mother was under the care of Mr Aidan O'Brien a few years ago in Craigavon hospital and I have to say that he is the best doctor I have ever had the good fortune to know. He is the most professional, caring, kind and talented doctor – an out-and-out credit to the NHS and his family. I can say with my hand on my heart that he actually saved my mother's life and we will be forever indebted to this brilliant man. He is a wonderful doctor and deserves so much praise and credit for all of his hard work, dedication, expertise and compassion he has given to his patients and their families over the years. In my experience of Aidan O'Brien – he is simply a GOOD man, with a really big heart who just can't bear to see anyone suffer. He goes above and beyond the call of duty to help his patients and ensure they get the absolute best treatment and care available – a true gentleman!!

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Mr O'Brien is one of life's true gentlemen. Working with him on the ward and immediately post op, every patient that he came in contact with received the same kindness and compassion. His ward rounds were very long as he was meticulous and his attention to his patients' needs were first class. He worked 7 days a week and would work 24/7 if he could to ensure his patients got treated. As a nurse, he was very approachable, and answered any question that was asked.

I am truly in shock at how he is being portrayed at the moment, and I send him strength at this time.

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Some 15yrs ago my father was admitted into CAH after 4hrs in A&E and having a tube placed through his stomach into his bladder he was given a bed on the urology ward, by this time it was well past 8pm I accompanied my father onto the ward to get him settled as we walked past the nurses station I noticed this man with his shirt and tie holding files heading to the exit, I got my father settled in the ward for the night, it must have been half an hour later that the same man came around the corner of the ward towards myself and my father, he introduced himself as Aidan O'Brien, he examined my fathers entry wound, looked at his notes and then explained what was going to be happening. By the time I returned to my car to head home it was 9pm. The next day during visiting my father was telling me that Mr O'Brien had been with him before 8am that morning. Since that day I have come to respect Aidan O'Brien as a consultant and a true gentleman. I firmly believe that the southern trust has begun a witch hunt against Mr O'Brien. The trust should be on bended knees begging for Aidan's forgiveness, the people behind this sham will regret picking on such a well respected consultant if they employed more people like Mr O'Brien then the trust would not be in the mess that it is in. I hope Aidan you can read this message of support and I thank you for all you have done over the years.

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I was referred to Craigavon Area Hospital for treatment in 1994. I was fortunate to meet Mr Aidan O'Brien whose care and attention to detail quite literally saved my life. To say he went the extra mile is a gross understatement and it's the prime reason that I am still alive today, 26 years later. Thank you Mr O'Brien on behalf of me, my wife & my family. We cannot thank you enough.

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Until 5 years ago I had the privilege of working with Aidan O'Brien for approximately 25 years. In that quarter of a century, my experience of Aidan was that he demonstrated the most profound respect for patient care, more than any healthcare professional I have ever worked with before or since. Aidan was a wonderful colleague and I learned an enormous amount from him regarding the care and treatment of people with urological disorders and what professionalism looks like. It is my privilege to call Aidan O'Brien a colleague, a friend and a mentor and I wish him strength and good health as he engages with the enquiry now underway. Lastly, my experience is that Aidan always seeks the truth, indeed honesty is a hallmark of his even if it is inconvenient for others to hear, and I hope that it is truth that now emerges for all to see.

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Mr O'Brien performed two surgeries on me. He was warm, friendly and an absolute gentleman. I could not speak highly enough of his professionalism and manner. He was always a phone call away and always gave his time when answering any questions I had. Shameful the way he is being treated.

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A perfect gentleman he looked after my mother twenty years later she is still with us at the age of 89 years young. I and my family are very grateful for all he done for her.

Thank you Mr O'Brien

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Mr O'Brien is a gentleman & a fantastic doctor. He looked after my husband & due to his diligence he saved one of his kidneys. I also attended him & not only did he sort out my kidney problem he also ordered an MRI scan for my back. It was fortunate that he did as I had to have an emergency operation on my back. He is a caring doctor who looks after your well being

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I worked as Mr O'Brien's [redacted] many years ago and he was an absolute gentleman with a kind and caring attitude for his patients and colleagues alike. He ran an extremely busy Urology department, often without much help and yet always remained calm in his outward demeanor. He was honest and helpful to all and cared very much for his patients. I saw and heard first hand his opinions and endeavours which were never anything but honourable, his patients loved him and praised him to me on many occasions.

When I last spoke to him a few years ago he was still the friendly down to earth man he'd always been but was extremely frustrated at how "unimportant" consultants had now become with very little to no influence over their working practices. He was trying to maintain excellent working practices but was finding the lack of respect and support unbearable. He wanted to continue to do the job he loved but felt undermined and limited by management. How sad that such a medical professional should feel like this after a lifetime of dedication to the NHS.

On a personal note I will always hold Mr O'Brien in the highest regard and be extremely grateful for all his help to me. I'm so glad to see the level of support for him and I just pray it grows and the truth will be revealed for Mr O'Brien to clear his name and restore his reputation. I do not believe for one second that Mr O'Brien would ever have acted in a careless or less than professional manner regarding any patient.

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I would like to offer my full backing and support to my friend and colleague, Aidan O'Brien, whom I have known for over 50 yrs.

As a fellow student of [redacted] he stood out as one of the top performers in our year group, and went on to achieve an outstanding high level of expertise in his chosen field.

It was no surprise to me that he eventually progressed to become a leading Urology Consultant in Craigavon Hospital.

I have met many of his patients over the last number of years and they all speak highly of his professional, dedicated and compassionate care. In addition, they agree that the perceived accusations and charges levelled against him are completely at odds with their personal experiences.

I sincerely hope that the impending enquiry will clear him of any wrong-doing and restore his professional reputation. The way he has been treated by the media and others, is grossly unfair and unacceptable.

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As a patient Mr O'Brien was like a Zambian sunset.

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I wholeheartedly agree with all the positive comments and words of truth which have been said about Aidan O'Brien.

Having personally worked along side him in Craigavon Area Hospital theatres for many years I can verify he is a true gentleman and professional of high moral principal, character and integrity in the workplace. I have only ever witnessed his excellent clinical and meticulous surgical skills, his hard work ethic and attentiveness and genuine care for his patients, so much so that I had my own mother under his expert care. I trust truth and justice will prevail for Aidan and his family.

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As a new nurse in theatre I was nervous and very anxious Mr O'Brien was excellent as a teacher, and put me at my ease immediately. He had lots of patience and I learnt a lot from him he was an excellent surgeon and was a perfectionist in his work he was excellent in his care for his patients and was seen regularly working weekends. I would be proud to be a patient under his care and he was a pleasure to work with.

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I was a patient of Mr O'Brien for approx 27years and the treatment I received was second to none I hold him in the highest regard. Had it not been for Mr O'Brien I don't think I would be writing this tonight I even recall him operating on me on a Christmas eve he was so dedicated to his profession. If my memory serves me right he was responsible for the introduction of the Lazer been established in Craigavon hospital an experience he had in Dublin. His continued interest in my progress and the follow up operations I am so grateful for and may I take this opportunity to thank him and pledge my full support for the future.

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Without doubt, Aidan O'Brien is one of the most Caring, Considerate and Thorough Consultants I've been under the care off. I have always found him to be an absolute gentleman in every sense of the word. I wish you absolute success in your pursuit of Justice Aidan.

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A true gentleman, compassionate and caring above and beyond. I would be comforted to know my family if required were under his care. A person who showed courtesy and respect to all people he worked with and cared for.

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An excellent consultant. Cant believe this is happening to such a lovely gentleman. Who cares for all his patients with compassion.

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I can truly say on behalf of my father, Mr O'Brien was professional, compassionate and WAS always available. His care for my father was second to none. I could not find fault in him. I was a student nurse on his ward many years ago and he was very professional, the whole team had upmost respect for him.

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Having worked with Mr O'Brien for over 20 years I can honestly say his commitment to his patients was second to none. He was passionate about his work and many of his patients went as far as to consider him a friend. He was the kind of doctor every patient wants. He had time for everyone.

A big loss to CAH

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Having known the O'Brien family for many years, I would like to convey my sincere support and gratitude for the work of Dr Aidan O'Brien. Having had the pleasure of knowing Dr O'Brien on both a personal and professional level, attention must be drawn to the effective, thorough and safe care provided by Dr O'Brien – a professional who goes far beyond the realm of his duty as a Consultant Urologist in the interest of exceptional care for his patients who have valued his work so much.

The O'Brien family is one which can be described as nothing less than a pillar of the community here in  influencing our society so positively as both a respectful and respected family. As such, it is heartbreaking to witness such a misrepresentation of the quality and competency of care and expertise provided this true gentleman.

Sincerely,

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I can speak on behalf of our special needs son who was absolutely petrified and traumatised by what he had gone through in CAH until we met Mr. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien is the most dedicated, caring, respectful and experienced consultant you could wish to have looking after you. We have known him now for over 10 years and without him I don't know what we would have done. The numerous times our son was in CAH and the late nights when we did not expect to see Mr. O'Brien until the morning, he always appeared the same quiet friendly manner. Nothing was ever a problem to him and we were always treated like a family member knowing what the plan of treatment was. Our son had a urinary problem and is unable to communicate for himself so I had to explain the symptoms my son had every time we attended the hospital. Sorry to say I was not taken seriously. On meeting Mr. O'Brien that all changed and our son was relaxed and calm and trusted Mr. O'Brien from the very first consultation. Mr. O'Brien always had a 'high five' for him. I had and have complete confidence in Mr. O'Brien's decisions and skills as a consultant. He is a very dedicated man to his patients. He would have come out of theatre to recovery to check on his patients before they went back to the ward. He was on the ward at all hours and he did far more than his call of duty. Being a retired nurse I have met many consultants over the years and Mr. O'Brien is a real gentleman. He speaks straight to the patient and what you see and hear you get 100%. He is a dedicated consultant and I was sorry to hear he was retiring. What he has done for our son we cannot thank him enough. After all the years of dedication to patients and just as he was about to embark on his retirement and enjoy some family time this is dispiriting. He has been the best consultant to our son and his care and treatments have been fantastic. We are so sorry for him and his family and just hope this unnecessary enquiry reaches a speedy conclusion and that Mr. O'Brien and his family can enjoy life again.

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Mr O'Brien has always been respectful and courteous to every staff member and patient I have seen him encounter in the twelve years I have worked in the trust.

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Mr O'Brien saved many lives throughout his career, me included. He was at my bed side throughout and after my operation, I wouldn't have been here today without his expertise. Took time out of his own life to explain my treatment and care always put the patient needs first.

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I have only ever heard praise and admiration for the outstanding work and dedication of Mr O'Brien. His level of commitment and work ethic is legendary to patients, their families and staff in Craigavon hospital. That a highly respected member of staff has been treated in such a callous, uncaring manner reflects systemic and organisational failures in the Southern Trust and in the Department of Health. It implies that there is a larger story here which needs to be managed with integrity, openness and fairness. All the qualities that Mr. O'Brien encapsulates.

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In all the years I have known Mr O'Brien, he has treated numerous family members for various issues with nothing but kindness and consideration. He has been an absolute gentleman and hugely knowledgeable consultant throughout.

Any fault there is certainly does not lie with this man. Perhaps the Trust should be looking closer to home.

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I was a patient of Aidan O'Brien 12 years ago. I was pregnant with my first child when I found out I had really bad right sided hydronephrosis which was picked up after a routine scan during a hospital admission. I was rushed to theatre and as I was lying in theatre Aidan spoke to me, of course I was panicked, worrying about my baby but this absolute gentleman calmly put his hand on mine which was on my then bump and he said to me, "Don't worry, I will look after your baby". They were the most reassuring words I ever heard just as I was drifting off under G.A. He spoke with me after and reassured me that everything was fine. Roll on a few months later and a healthy baby girl in my life, I was admitted for removal of my stent. Surgery completed, I remember slowly walking back to my bed on the ward, when down walks Aidan who put his arm around me and helped me back to bed. He helped me in and actually tucked me in. His presence, and everything about him is just so wonderful. He is such a lovely, kind, compassionate man, friend, consultant, human being and I have the upmost respect for him. I think the world of him just as he does for all those that come into contact with him.

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I have seen first hand the way Mr O'Brien has treated his patients over the years. He is so very professional and has always treated his patients with 1st class care. He is highly respected by his nursing colleagues and I am appalled at the treatment he has received. As a consultant he was always in work way past his hometime and was only ever a phonecall away if we had any questions or problems.

I hope he has his head held high because im am in no doubt there are many more people supporting him than are against him.

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I was a patient under the care of Mr O'Brien for three years at the Thorndale Unit in Craigavon Hospital.

I was shocked and astonished when I heard that the Southern Health Trust were to recall some of his patients and Mr O'Brien is to be the subject of a public enquiry.

I have only the highest regard for Mr O'Brien. During numerous consultations with him, his professional dedication to detail was delivered with compassion and respect, always keeping me informed with explanations of recent tests and making me aware of the options for possible treatment.

After each consultation, I always came away feeling better by having experienced his professional judgement and exemplary mannerism.

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I would like to pledge my support for Mr Aidan O'Brien. I am a retired staff nurse and worked on the ward adjacent to Mr O'Brien's ward. When working night duty I would often see Mr O'Brien at maybe 3am, he never went home if he had any concerns about an ill patient. Home for a coiple off hrs and back for his morning ward round. This man was a complete gentleman, polite and completely dedicated to his job.

My husband was treated by Mr O'Brien for a serious illness in recent years and always says he got the best person to treat him. He treated my husband and myself just the way patients and their families should be treated. He made my husband feel safe while in his care, we both thank him for that.

This public enquiry should never have been brought against him, do the people that brought it even know him. I just hope they reevaluate what they have done, drop it and apologise for the hurt and distress they have brought to Mr O'Brien and his family. This man deserves a very happy and healthy retirement after his years of total dedication given to his profession. He will be sorely missed. I wish him the best...

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I have known Aidan since we started our 2nd level education in September 1965. He rapidly became one of the most popular students in our year group. He was very outgoing and friendly and always helpful to his classmates. He was extremely intelligent and very hardworking. He was good at sports and always got involved in debating teams, amateur dramatics, school concerts etc. He was later to become involved in our PPU as well as the school's Board of Governors and was eventually elevated to the school's Board of Trustees.

I find it hard to believe how a person of his humility, integrity and professionalism can have his reputation and character destroyed in what appears to be some sort of kangaroo court using the local and national press and television news networks.

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It was with great regret and shock that we learned of the awful accusations and assault on the character of Dr Aidan O'Brien.

Over the course of many years my husband was treated with the utmost care, respect and professionalism by Aidan. He always went over and beyond for him and no matter how busy he was he made time to speak to us at length and relay any fears or concerns we had. He kept close contact with us, sometimes at 11 o'clock at night, when he would still be working and preparing his clinics and operating schedules for the days ahead.

My husband was always made to feel that no matter how busy he was he was always more than important to Mr O'Brien.

It is of great disappointment and dismay to us that such a competent and respectable man has been subjected to such a horrendous ordeal as he approaches the end of a remarkable career and many years of selfless dedication to his profession and his people. We sincerely hope this enquiry sheds light on there unsavoury allegations and we hope Mr O'Brien can retire with his reputation in tact and enjoy some well deserved time with his family.

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Mr Aidan O'Brien treated my mother Personal Information redacted by the USI for a few years. He was a gentleman in her eyes – he had a great sense of humour and was very approachable was an excellent Consultant. He does not deserve this treatment by the southern Health Trust.

Thoughts are with you and your family.

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My wife and I were horrified to read that Mr Aidan O'Brien's work, dedication and expertise is being undermined in such a manner. I was diagnosed with bladder cancer from which I thankfully recovered due mainly to the wonderful care I received whilst under Mr O'Brien's care. I felt safe and hopeful because I knew I was in the hands of a total professional who kept me fully informed at every stage of my treatment.

He showed a very caring nature which manifested itself in many ways throughout the time I was under his care. My wife and I will be eternally grateful for his late night phone calls to our home just to check if I was feeling well. Who does that? No one we know. He was a true professional and totally compassionate.

We hope everything works out as it should for himself and his family.

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We would like to put on record our annoyance and dismay at this attempt to undermine Aidan's professional achievements after a lifetime of service to the NHS. As Public Sector workers we are shocked at how a person's lifetime of dedication to their profession could be so publicly tarnished before a full investigation has been undertaken.

Our knowledge of Aidan's work is based upon his care and attention to family members who have availed of his medical expertise and also Health Care professionals who have worked alongside Aidan in Craigavon Area Hospital. In both instances a common thread emerges, namely Aidan's sheer professionalism and his empathetic and caring nature to those patients in his care. There is little doubt that Aidan provided immense emotional support and valuable clinical expertise to all within his care, something that is also very evident when reading the testimonies of his many patients on this forum.

We hope and trust that Aidan may have the opportunity to enjoy the long and healthy retirement he deserves with his family.

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Regarding Mr O'Brien – he is one of nature's gentlemen. I was a worker in CAH for many years and always found him helpful and totally approachable and the treatment of my husband was exemplary. His treatment re so called shortcomings as one comment has already said is more likely to be due to failings in the Southern Trust was at one point during rearrangement of wards treated both him and a colleague with what can only be described as disrespect and rudeness, two attributes Aidan does not have.

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I have known Aidan O'Brien a long time I worked as a Staff Nurse in CAH and I had the pleasure of nursing his father. Personal Information they are a lovely family. Aidan is so well thought of by both Staff and Patients alike, his patients always came first and would have been checking up on his patients quite late at night. A true gentleman and very professional at everything he does. I wish him and his family all the best for the future. Xx

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My father was a patient of Aidan O'Brien. He and our entire family circle know the man that Aidan O'Brien is – a man of integrity and a consultant of consistent professional excellence and for whom nothing less than 100% dedication would ever suffice. The standard of care he provided to my father was outstanding. He has committed his career, and in many ways his life, to his specialism of urology with his patients always being the centre of his dedication. Both professionally and personally, he is simply a dedicated and decent human being. We wholeheartedly support him.

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I have only ever heard incredibly positive things about Aidan O'Brien. I can only imagine the amount of lives he has improved through his hard work and dedication to his practice and patients. I look forward to the day he is vindicated and can enjoy his well deserved retirement in peace.

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I have known Aidan O'Brien as a friend and a neighbour for over 30 years. Always greeting you with a smile and warm words. He's genuine. Every thought, every utterance is honestly meant. When my own Father was ill and passed away Aidan was a great source of knowledge, understanding and comfort, even though he wasn't under Aidan's care. He took time out of his busy schedule to make sure we understood what was going on.

He is a kind person with a great sense of humour. He is and continues to be one of the most genuine people I know. A gentleman.

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My late father was a patient of Urologist Consultant Mr. Aidan O'Brien. I will never forget the exceptional care that Mr. O'Brien gave to my father. He was so kind and understanding. His compassion was second to none. He obviously showed such dedication to his profession and to his patients. He was an asset to the National Health Service. He is a True Doctor and gentleman. He has my full support.

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We would like to support Aidan and his Family during this very stressful and anxious time.

Aidan was very reassuring to us when Personal Information redacted by the USI had went through a stressful health problem Twenty years ago and went himself and spoke to the Consultant who was to carry out her operation.

He is a very down to earth gentleman who has been a dedicated and loyal Consultant who has given his life to medicine, and at the end of his career should be allowed to retire with his head held high, and enjoy his retirement years along with his Family.

We hope all goes well and there can be a favourable outcome for this family to get on with their lives and put this behind them. Mentally I hope they can stay strong to the end. Stay Positive, and if we can help in any way, don't hesitate.

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I was shocked to hear these comments about Mr O'Brien. My brother became ill 10 years ago and has had many associated urology complications. Mr O'Brien contacted me through a colleague to discuss and give advice about my brother. I had never met this man but he was so kind and listened to my concerns and gave me a clear pathway for my brother. I felt he had taken a lot of my worries away and answered any questions. He also telephoned my brother and spoke to him at great length reassuring him and resolving any concerns he had. Mr O'Brien didn't have to do any of this. The words my brother used "he is a lovely man and went beyond his duty of care just to talk to me and reassure me". Yes I am saddened to hear that he is going through a tough time and my brother and I offer him all the positive support to get through this difficult time. Thank you once again for your support Personal Information redacted by the USI

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I have known Aidan O'Brien for some time now. He is a gentleman with many fine qualities. It doesn't matter who you are or what your status is Aidan treats everyone the same – with respect and dignity. I have never heard anyone speak about Aidan in a negative way. He shows compassion and empathy towards his patients some of whom would not be alive today if it were not for his expertise and dedication Aidan is a genuinely good man who deserves to have his say. The truth will prevail in the end.

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I have worked with Aidan O'Brien for 20 years and I have seen him go above and beyond for his patients. He is a very dedicated and caring consultant who is always at the end of the phone if he needs contacted about any of his patients even when he is not on duty. On the occasions where his patients are given a terminal diagnosis, he will continue to be part of his patients care even after they are referred to and being taken care of by the palliative team. I hope this enquiry shows him to be the caring, compassionate, professional and dedicated consultant that anyone who has worked with him or been a patient or relative know him to be.

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As a member of staff in CAH I have never seen a more caring and professional Doctor. He was a friend to everyone. His patients Health was what was important to him. Shame on you Southern Trust.

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I was priveleged and honoured to work in urology in CAH when Aidan was the lead consultant. He is respectful, professional, highly skilled and a great mentor for all members of the team. I am saddened to hear his good name and reputation being sullied. Never did I meet anyone to equal the dedication and compassionate care he displayed to his patients. I hope his good name will be restored so he can enjoy a healthy and well earned retirement. I and countless others especially the patients you diligently served support you through these difficult times and we pray for a speedy resolution for you and your family.

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Dr O'Brien treated a family member of mine a number of years ago who was gravely ill. This man, in my opinion, pretty much singlehandedly took my uncle from deaths door to a full recovery based on his expertise, compassion and dedication. Even on his days off he would contact my uncle to see how he was keeping and give him advice. I have never before or since witnessed anyone so dedicated to his patients. On the face of it, it seems to me that there is something fundamentally not right about this whole story and I would guess there is a lot more to this than meets the eye. It is essential that this enquiry delves deep, exposes the whole truth & shows who is really at fault for the failings of the Southern Trust.

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I have worked as a manager in mental health services for 25 years . I have always heard such positive comments from mental health service users who were fortunate to have Mr Aidan O'Brien as their Consultant. If you suffer mental ill health someone to give a listening ear, show empathy, and value you as a person is paramount. Aidan O'Brien did this in his daily practice. First impressions count in my opinion. When I met him personally, I was amazed at his caring manner towards his family and friends and his unconditional positive regard towards everyone he met. I wish Aidan and his wonderful family my ongoing support and keep positive.

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I was under the care of Aidan for over a year. This gentleman saved my life and I'm sure so many others. From the moment I met him I just knew this man would help me. At the end of our 1st conversation I asked him for a hug and gladly got one. The following year I met him in a hospital in Personal Information redacted by the USI where he came over to me and asked me for a hug and said to me, I told you we would get you here. A lovely genuine man.

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I have known Aidan O'Brien and his wider family circle for many years. Aidan has always had the reputation of being a highly professional, caring doctor who provided wonderful care to his patients. There appears to be a medical witch-hunt to question his professionalism. I would hope the investigation will be open and fair. I anticipate Aidan's position as a leading urologist be confirmed and acknowledged.

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I have known Aidan O'Brien all my life he is a true friend, a gentleman and a great surgeon. He always put his patients first. He dedicated his whole life to Craigavon Area Hospital and the patients under his care. Anyone who has been unfortunate enough to need medical attention was very fortunate to be cared for by Aidan. I know of one such patient who said "he had healing hands". This is a terrible injustice.

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Aidan O'Brien is and has always been an extremely dedicated professional. His care for his patients is second to none. I have known him for over 25 years and I have no doubt whatsoever that he will be exonerated of these ridiculous accusations against his reputation. I look forward to him coming out of this case with an apology from the Health Board

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I lived beside Aidan O'Brien for years when I was younger. I don't know much about doctor stuff, but I do know the doc is an Absolute Gentleman and always went above and beyond to help anyone that ever asked. He has a cracking sense of humour, which is probably missing from most people at these top jobs. Plus Doctor O'Brien doesn't drive his car over 30MPH, So even the thought that he would put anyone else's health or life at risk is complete fu**king madness!!! He's a top top man!

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Although not having personally been a patient of Aidan O'Brien, I have heard so many positive stories from people I know who have been under his professional care. He has always been spoken of so highly in any conversation I have had with former patients who have stated that his care and follow-up attention was crucial in their recovery. I am shocked by the claims being made against him, as is anyone I have spoken to who has ever been in Aidan's care, or who have had family members or relations treated by Aidan.

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Aidan, I wish you well in the coming weeks. You have my full support. I know and understand how hard you worked to prolong and save the lives of all your patients

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An absolute gentleman. The treatment he is receiving after a lifetime of dedicated work is dispicable.

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We would like to add our support to Aidan O'Brien. Even though we have had no direct family experience of his professionalism, we have repeatedly been told by friends & acquaintances over the years what a fantastic consultant he was when they were in his care.

It is sad to see such a kind and decent gentleman go through this ordeal at the end of a brilliant career to which he clearly dedicated so much of his life. We wish him and his family circle well and pray that the matter can be resolved as soon as possible so he can enjoy a well deserved retirement.

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I taught Aidan O'Brien for a few years in the 1960s when he was a very bright pupil in

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He was a very conscientious and diligent student who participated in all aspects of school life.

In later years, as one of his patients, I found his professionalism and care to be exemplary. His attention to detail was beyond question and he was available at all times to offer advice and reassurance.

I am deeply saddened by this campaign in the media and hope it will soon be resolved so that he may find some peace and contentment in his retirement.

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In the few years that I was under the care of Mr Aidan O'Brien I found him to be a gentleman and professional in all areas of his expertise and he treated me with respect and dignity and made me feel very comfortable and safe in the hands of his care. In my own opinion if a lot of the other doctors where like Mr O'BRIEN the health care system would be a better place! This injustice to Mr O'Brien is an absolute disgrace and the powers to be should be ashamed of themselves.

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My Dad, [redacted] was a patient of Mr. Aidan O'Brien.

Dad was always made feel very much at ease and was treated in a very professional manner.

Mr. O'Brien even went beyond the call of duty by phoning my dad in the late evening to see how he was.

Wishing Mr. O'Brien, a long and enjoyable retirement.

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I have known Mr O'Brien for a number of years and I have always found him to be a complete gentleman. He treated my daughter a few years back and he was nothing but professional, caring and reassured her each step of the way. I fully support Mr O'Brien and his entire family through this difficult time.

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I have been fortunate to know Aidan O'Brien and his family for a number of years and in that time I have never heard anyone speak a negative word about him. He has always had the reputation of being a kind, caring, highly professional doctor who always put the care of his patients above all else. My daughter was a patient so I witnessed 1st hand all of these qualities and cannot thank him enough for everything he has done for her. He took the time to explain all test results in a manner that was easily understood and then more time to explain the procedure required. At no time did we ever feel that we were just another person to tick off a list. I have to agree with some of the comments that others have made with regard to Aidan being made a scapegoat and being thrown under the bus by the Southern trust and the Health Minister. There are clearly persons in the Southern Trust who could benefit from taking a leaf out of Aidan's book and learn how to put patient care and staff welfare, and those of their families, first and foremost. I hope this unnecessary enquiry reaches a speedy conclusion so that Aidan and his family can begin to enjoy his well earned retirement.

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My father had been under the care of Mr O'Brien for well over 20 years and I am 100% sure, that were it not for Aidan, Daddy would not be here today. The care received was second to none, and having survived three bouts of cancer, my 83 year old dad is now in great health.

Mr O'Brien is one of life's gentlemen who respected, and was respected by, every single person that went through his door. Consultations were never rushed and he was full of conversation and stories with my father. Daddy continues to speak so highly of him and we are very grateful for all his help over the years.

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Devastated at the unjust and cruel treatment of Mr O'Brien! I can assure you that I only know Mr O'Brien to be sincere, kind and truly compassionate in regards to his patients. Having family members in need of urology treatment in CAH, I found great comfort in the knowledge that Mr O'Brien was there with his expertise and knowledge in the field.

Mr O'Brien's dedication to his patients and their families was a constant comfort. Shame on those trying to destroy his good name, reputation and spirit! He has our full support!

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My mother in law was under the care of Aiden O'Brien a number of years ago. I can only describe the care empathy and professionalism of Mr O'Brien as outstanding. At the time my mother in law was extremely ill and had previously seen other doctors, none of whom were able to get to the bottom of the problem. Mr O'Brien examined her, diagnosed the problem and most importantly fixed the problem.

At the time I was so impressed by Mr O'Brien and I told the story to numerous people only to find out that many other people had the exact same experience. As far as I am concerned Aiden O'Brien is one of the top consultants in the country. I can't believe that anyone would ever call into question his work and I would refuse to believe anything to the contrary.

Hundreds of people are alive today if not thousands because of Mr O'Brien. I have no doubt that Aiden O'Brien will get the justice he deserves from this enquiry.

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I felt it was important to share my views on Mr. Aidan O'Brien whom I feel is being treated dispassionately by the Trust after a long and distinguished career! I have never been treated by Aidan myself but many of my family members have required his help over the years, and I can only say that his care and expertise in the Urology field has been exemplary. This is clearly a witchhunt, and not only should it cease immediately, but a public apology is the very least that this man needs to restore his good name.

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I don't personally know Mr O'Brien but he has treated a friend and neighbour for years. He not only cares for the patient but their family too. He has come out to carpark to look for the family to speak to them on numerous occasions. He would have phoned their home to check on his patient while they were home. He even phoned over Christmas while I was in their home. I don't believe the stories about him. My friends consider him a genuine gentleman and that is good enough for me.

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I have been under the care of Mr O'Brien for the last 20 years. He is a true gentleman. His empathy and care for his patients is amazing. He was always on the ward late into the evening long past day staff going home. I lost count the number of times over the years he phoned me out of hours to ensure I was getting the appropriate treatment. Latest example just before he retired to let me know I was being referred to immunology which has resulted in me needing to get additional vaccines to boost my immune system which in the current climate I am so grateful has happened. Never was his patient care more evident than when I got pregnant with my daughter. Mr O'Brien was there every step of the way ensuring I was getting the appropriate treatment during my many admissions and arranged with my Obstetrician to come in on his week off solely to help at her elective section at 36 weeks to ensure that it wouldn't affect my previous surgery he carried out. He was also one of the first people to hold her afterwards and always asked after her. He never made you feel like you were just a patient. Clinic appointments always ran late but I have never seen a patient complain of having to wait as they always knew when it was their turn the appointment was never rushed and Mr O'Brien would take as much time as he needed to listen to his patients, explain things in a way you would understand and arrange whatever would be needed to be done. I have always dreaded him retiring as I know I will never get another consultant that will come anywhere close to the standard of care that I and Mr O'Brien's other patients received.

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I am very proud to have known Aidan O'Brien all my life and can honestly say he is a gentleman and a professional in his field of work. He has assisted numerous family members and I can honestly say that he was always very willing to help and accommodate every need that we have had as a family. The level of care and dedication that Aidan has put in to his job has and always will be of professional quality, he always has went above & beyond. He is a very passionate and precise individual and I have no doubt that everything will result favourably towards Aidan.

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My son suffered from renal failure as a baby and had ongoing problems which puzzled many medics for years. When he was 18 years old he was admitted to CAH Emergency Dept & was very fortunate to be treated by Mr Aidan O'Brien who worked with him for hours in theatre & finally solved his problem. He is now 34 and has never looked back. We are indebted to this talented and dedicated consultant who is held in extremely high regard in the local community and beyond. I have heard many stories of his dedication to his patients and sincerely hope he is vindicated soon.

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For many years I have been aware of Aidan O'Brien's work as an exceptional doctor, one who is always caring, professional and goes above and beyond. I have been blessed to personally know his wider family circle. As a society we are often very quick to believe everything we read and unfortunately the truth doesn't always prevail. I have no doubt that when Mr O'Brien has his chance to speak the full story will emerge.

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Aidan treated a friend of mine and is an exceptional Doctor. He is a very kind, caring and highly professional gentleman.

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I stand by Aidan O'Brien. I have only heard positive things of this mans care to patients and devotion to his career. I hope the truth comes out and he can retire peacefully and with his head held high.

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Whilst I don't know Aidan personally, he has treated family members who speak very highly of him. A true gentleman.

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Aidan O'Brien is an absolute gentleman and a skilled consultant in his field, it is beyond shocking to think that a service that he honoured for so long is treating him in such a shocking way. Best wishes to Aidan & family.

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I have known Mr Aidan O'Brien most of my life and am privileged to call him a friend.

Throughout my professional career as a practice nurse – numerous patients who were fortunate to have Aidan as their consultant gave spontaneous feedback of the exceptional care they received from Aidan when undergoing both surgical and nonsurgical management of their urological conditions.

This kind of feedback is noteworthy as it is not something we see in general practice on a regular basis – but Aidan is synonymous with being a kind and empathetic consultant who delivered exceptional care to each and every patient – and so many people have contacted me personally asking how they could render support to this truly wonderful gentleman and urological consultant – it is unbelievably cruel that a person who has dedicated his entire life to the care of others should be treated in such an abominable fashion – before he is found “guilty” of anything – it begs the question – “what kind of society do we live in – that believes that people are “guilty until proven innocent” – I’d call this a crime in its own right – public humiliation!!!

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I have known Mr Aidan O'Brien my whole life. Thankfully he never treated me as a patient; however, on a personal level, Aidan is caring, approachable, calm, generous with his time, clever, friendly, and very funny. I admire these qualities and so many more that Aidan possesses.

Knowing how hard Aidan worked and how much time and energy he devoted to his patients, it is shocking see how the Southern Health & Social Care Trust is treating him.

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My family and I have known Aidan O'Brien for the past 28 years, both as a neighbour and in his capacity as a Urologist. We have witnessed his dedication to his work in Craigavon Hospital by meeting him carrying out ward rounds late evening and early morning and returning home often around midnight. Aidan has provided excellent care and advice to my family and to friends who I have recommended to his private practice. Aidan does not deserve the negative media attention that has been forced upon him in recent weeks. We hope this investigation is carried out with expediency and honesty so that Aidan and his family can enjoy the retirement he so richly deserves.

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I was lucky to have seen the care and dedication this man put into his patients. Extremely hardworking and professional. If you were under Mr O'Brien's care you were under the best possible care there is. Very sad to see the treatment this man has received after all his hard work.

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I am a 61 Yr old man and when I was 36 I suffered badly from prostatitis which made a huge affect in my mental health. Without Aidan's intervention I know I would have committed suicide the pain was so unbearable. Over 2 small procedures he removed a cyst and done a prostate massage which made a huge difference to my pain and made my life bearable again. He even offered to come in on a Saturday to carry out one of the procedures. As far as I am concerned he saved my life and I will be forever grateful to him. I wish him all the best in this enquiry. He is such a nice caring person who deserves to live in peace on his retirement.

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I cant even begin to imagine what Aiden is going threw, I had the pleasure of working along side Aiden , very professional and caring doctor towards his patients and staff also , I was also a patient of his a couple of years ago and the lengths this man goes to above and beyond is unreal , Aiden we are all behind you always , this is nothing but a witch hunt. And hope Aiden gets to enjoy his retirement as he deserves.

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I was a nurse on the Urology ward since it was set up in 1992 until it was 'disbanded' in 2009 and Mr. O'Brien or 'Aidan' as he insisted on being called, showed a rare respect for every member of staff, was always approachable, keen to share his knowledge and was a pleasure to work with. The care, empathy and attention he gave to his patients was unsurpassable and I feel very sad that his well deserved retirement has been destroyed by an uncaring Trust!

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I have known Mr Aidan O'Brien for a number of years. He treated my sister for 18 years. I knew him to be a very kind considerate professional and caring Consultant. But for his unfailing care and attention I believe my sisters life would have been shorter. As for us as a family we were always notified of her progress in a true compassionate manner and Mr O'Brien met us almost daily to explain her treatment. I can honestly only speak of the Consultant as an excellent endearing and true gentleman in the capacity of his work and he could also relate to me even when I met him in the hospital corridor. Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts on this matter. Mr O'Brien was one of lifes true gentlemen. Many thanks.

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I have known Aidan O'Brien for over 20 years as his patient. Meticulous, caring and supportive throughout the years. Always at hand when help was needed. Telephone calls late into the evening to deliver results. A more dedicated doctor you couldn't have found, and I would have never had any hesitation in recommending him.

Best wishes to you and your family and hope this ordeal is over for you so that you can enjoy your retirement.

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Whilst neither I nor any of my family have had cause to become a patient of Aidan, I have over the years grown to know him as a person of great professionalism, moral standing, integrity and compassion and for whom I hold deep personal respect. He has been a man committed to a vocation rather than a career, exemplified by the many messages of the support and appreciation for the specialist and compassionate care that he has clearly given to so many.

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On behalf of the family, we would like to express our sincere support for Dr Aidan O'Brien. He has been nothing other than a hard working gentleman and a pillar of the community



As one of the most respectful and courteous medical professionals that the family have had the pleasure of being treated by, we will not go unheard in expressing our deep gratitude for the excellent and thorough care of Dr O'Brien.

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I know Mr Aidan O'Brien personally. As a consultant he has trained many fine urologists who are now working at key positions at home and abroad. I don't feel he deserves such an enquiry. While one digs into practices of an upright, sincere, compassionate and above all a very competent clinician like Mr O'Brien, it is pertinent to examine and an enquiry must be made about the system and the hospital at the same time to unravel any deficiencies because these are two sides of the same coin

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Mr O'Brien was one of the nicest surgeons I've had the pleasure of working with. He had great bedside manner with his patients, I can't believe what he is being put through.

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I have known Aidan all my life. On a personal and professional level, he is and always has been a man full of compassion, kindness and integrity. He has dedicated his life to his patients filling them with confidence, trust, hope and well-being.

The fact that this reputation has been tarnished is beyond unfair. Aidan deserves to be treated with the same respect, sensitivity and dignity that he has shown to everyone throughout his life.

Aidan embodies the values of 'working together, excellence, compassion, openness and honesty'. Values that the Southern Trust claim as their own but, sadly, have not upheld in this case.

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My family and I have known Mr. O'Brien for many years. We have known him as a gentleman, and a very highly respected person in the community. He treated my father some years ago, and received the utmost care and attention from Mr O'Brien

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As a trust worker for several years, I have seen Mr O'Brien be exceptionally dedicated to his patients. Meeting patients under his care regularly this is evident by the high praise they have for him.

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I have had the absolute pleasure of working with Mr O'Brien for the last few years and I can honestly say he was one of the best consultants there are! He was not only caring and dedicated to his patients but also his fellow colleagues. I was truly saddened when he announced his retirement as I knew how much of a loss it was going to be. I think its such a shame that his reputation has now been dragged through the mud. This man is one of the best!! My fellow nursing staff and I fully support Mr O'Brien and I hope he has his head held high, as he should!!

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➡ Reply



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I had the opportunity to shadow Aidan O'Brien for a week when I was 16 on a school work experience. This week with Mr O'Brien gave me the motivation to become a doctor. His dedication, professionalism and bed side manner is something I have always held in the highest regard. He is a genuine gentleman.

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Aidan O'Brien is the most caring and compassionate doctor of his field. He has presented an image of what every doctor should be like. He has cared for one of my own family members and essentially saved her life and we cannot owe him enough in thanks for the work that he has done.

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Mr O'Brien was my consultant urologist for almost 14 years. He first treated me at 17, when I had kidney stones and for many additional episodes over the following years. He is an exceptional Doctor who does right by each of his patients. When I was admitted at 17 with my kidney stones I remember him calling into to see me on his day off (he was on his way to a rugby game) as he knew how petrified I was, a very caring and diligent man. The only failings here are within the trust and I have no doubt Mr O'Brien will conduct himself throughout this nonsense with dignity. The trust would be better served learning from his bedside manner!!!

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➡ Reply



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A great consultant!! The way this Doctor has been treated is a disgrace! A kind caring consultant who has been made a scape goat!!

This is a disgrace, a gentleman who give his whole life helping people.

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I have known Aiden for many years and was always impressed by his work with CURE. I had not required his services until around two years ago when I had a worrying diagnosis. At my wife's insistence I asked Aiden for a second opinion and the level of attention which I obtained was outstanding. He put my mind at ease during a lengthy consultation and has maintained contact with me to check on my progress, even since his retirement. He is an exceptional professional and I am confident that the enquiry will recognise his contribution to patient care in the Southern Trust and beyond.

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My late Father was treated by Mr O'Brien and he had always spoke very highly of him, his treatment and especially his after care.

Living in the same community as him myself & everyone else are appalled at the allegations made against him and rightly so.

It is very unfair that a true gentleman has reached this point of his well earned retirement having this put to him!

I hope this is put to rest so he and his family can move forward.

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I found Aidan a most caring and brilliant consultant when caring for me during a prostatitis flare up. He was 100 % professional and took his time to explain to me my condition. I wish him well in the enquiry.

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I am absolutely disgusted at the witch hunt Aidan is being put through . He and his family have been long life friends of my family . He took my parents under his wing and cared for them unreservedly until the days we lost them and due to his diligence and expertise along with his caring nature , we had mum and dad around for a lot longer than if they hadn't had Aidan caring for them .

Whatever THIS is , needs to be quashed. He is a gentleman and committed his working life to helping others live longer.

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I worked as a junior doctor with Mr O'Brien 20 years ago. You see the true reflection of a person when you are in the same working environment, and I have no doubt that Mr O'Brien was always honourable in his intentions with patients. He treated them and his staff with the utmost respect. Many's a night when on-call did you see him on the wards or conducting ward rounds after a days work operating. I truly believe his work was not just a job but a vocation for him. My father was also a patient under Mr O'Brien, and he couldn't have done enough for him. Always available to him if help was required. Phone calls at night with results. Or just a chat about life in general! I hope this matter is resolved quickly for you Mr O'Brien so that you can enjoy your retirement with your reputation intact, as it should be!

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My wife and I have known Mr O'Brien in a professional capacity for over 30 years. Aidan has cared for a number of family members and he did so with the utmost of professionalism. Our family together with countless others owe Aidan a huge debt for always going beyond the duty of care in his support of not only the patient but the family.

There are medical professionals who do a job. Mr. O'Brien followed a vocation.

Our grateful love and prayers are with Aidan during this time.

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My wife has said her bit and I totally agree. Aidan dealt with me twice, the second op required ongoing support which Aidan provided professionally because that was what he was. Plus he worked out that our mums were giving birth to us in the same ward ie he had a great sense of humour, manner as a true profession would in all the years, long days to his specialism.

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My husband Personal Information redacted by the USI had the privilege and honour of being a patient of Mr. Aidan O'Brien.

His care was second to none. He always made him feel very much at ease and explained everything in detail in a very professional and simple manner that you could understand. His professional advice, treatment, and recommendations had made life easier for my husband.

Mr. O'Brien even went far and beyond the call of duty by phoning my husband to see how he was and giving his advice on recommending different medication. He was always devoted to his patients and we found him to be nothing, but a Gentleman and he was "The Salt of the Earth".

We wish we had more consultants like him.

We hope that Mr. O'Brien gets the credit and respect he is well deserved to receive and the peace to enjoy his well-earned retirement, which he has most defiantly worked so hard for.

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Aidan O'Brien is one of nature's gentlemen. He is a true professional with a warm and caring demeanour. My experience with him was just exceptional and I will never forget his attention, reassurance and empathy during my surgery. His aftercare was beyond the call of duty and so many consultants could learn from him. This gentleman should be allowed to start his retirement with ease and no pressure, rather than be victimised by the Trust. They should be ashamed after the years of dedicated and devoted practice from Mr O'Brien.

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I am fortunate enough to have looked after Mr O'Brien's patients from the beginning of my nursing career and I have never heard a bad word said about him. He is an absolute gentleman, and always took the time to explain everything meticulously to patients giving them reassurance in their times of need. He worked tirelessly and to say he went above and beyond for his patients is an understatement. He was a true advocate for everyone in his care. I am saddened to see what is happening at the minute and hope it is resolved very quickly so he can begin to enjoy the retirement he deserves.

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If it wasn't for Mr Aidan O'Brien I wouldn't be a fit and healthy 33 year old now. When I was 25 he had offered to see me when he heard of the issues I was having. After a quick appointment he had arranged many tests and scans that resulted in the discovery I had an atrophic kidney. This was misdiagnosed for years from GP's and other doctors. He took the care and attention needed and he arranged for the surgery to remove the kidney. If I didn't have this surgery I would have been on medication long term and a very high risk patient. He always stopped me if passing to ask how I was doing while waiting on the surgery and was very open to contact if there were any further symptoms or issues while waiting on the surgery. I respect Aidan for this, he saved my life. Thanks to his expertise and care, he give me a healthy future.

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I have never been under the medical care of Aidan, but I have known him for 40 years and I know many people who have been treated and cared for by him. His reputation is that of a truly dedicated, professional doctor, who has always gone far and beyond in the care of his patients. I truly believe him to be a very honourable, genuine and honest person whose character is beyond reproach. Hopefully this can be resolved quickly and Aidan can enjoy his well deserved retirement.

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I am speaking from my personal experience. I was under Mr Aidan O'Brien's care a few years ago. He performed an operation on me which was a success and went well without any future complications. I found him to be very professional, courteous and informative when meeting with him. I would certainly be happy for him to do any future operations on myself and would recommend him to anyone else in need of surgery.

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A true NHS hero! A man who has dedicated his life to his family and the people who needed his help the most! He has operated and attended to my mother-in-law for many years and without his work she would not be alive today. The failings of the Trust are coming to the surface and Aidan has become a scapegoat for them! We will give Aidan our full support through this difficult time!

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Aidan O'Brien was one of the most professional, compassionate and knowledgeable doctors you could meet. His kindness and caring for his patients was second to none. He went above and beyond the call of duty for his patients, epitomising the true meaning of caring for others as being a vocation. He was a doctor that you could really trust your life with and I owe him a great deal of gratitude for the care he has given my family members of the years.

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My family have known Mr Aidan O'Brien for ten years and have always been aware of his diligent, conscientious work ethic in every aspect of his profession. The care, consideration and sincerity he has shown to the patients in his care is well known. This has contributed to the high esteem in which he is held. We offer our full support to Aidan and are fully confident that Mr O'Brien will have a very positive outcome from the pending investigation.

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What an exceptional Doctor who was so kind and caring to my Mother. He had such affinity with his patients.

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My granny was a patient of Aidan O'Brien and our family experience was excellent. An absolute gentleman who demonstrated all that was good about a doctor!

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I know a number of people who have been treated by Mr O'Brien over the last thirty years, while holding position as urology consultant at Craigavon Area Hospital. They have spoken about him in very positive terms – his utmost respect for them, his ability to communicate with them, his attention to detail, his care before and after surgery when he went far beyond the call of duty. The patient was always his priority.

I think the Trust is now trying to destroy Mr O'Brien's remarkable reputation in order to distract from its own incompetence. I believe this will become clear when the public inquiry takes place.

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Aidan O'Brien looked after my niece when she had an upset tummy and no one could tell what was wrong with her. He did so with such care and patience, a rarity in these times when doctors are often under so much pressure, patients are in and out the door as quickly as possible. On his advice she made a full recovery. He is a class act who treats people with sincerity, thoughtfulness and kindness, and those who know him have not a bad word to say about him, me included.

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In my capacity as a nurse within the Southern Trust, I have had the pleasure of working with Mr O'Brien for over 25 years. During this time I have always found him to be professional, caring, approachable the descriptive accolades could go on ... but above all his work ethic was commendable. He was committed to providing the best possible care to his patients and always went above and beyond the call of duty. I do hope the impending inquiry will unveil the truth and exonerate Mr O'Brien so that he can enjoy a long happy and healthy retirement that he truly deserves.

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I attended Mr O'Brien at his clinic for a procedure in C.A.H a few years ago. I found his care to be exemplary and most professional. He kept me informed at every stage of my treatment which thankfully proved to be extremely beneficial to me.

I want to thank him for his expertise and professionalism.

I sincerely hope that justice will prevail, and that this dedicated, hard working and caring consultant can move forward with his life and enjoy a well earned retirement.

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It's so sad to see how Mr O'Brien is being treated. He is a true gentleman which is a rare thing. He deserves to enjoy his retirement after so many years dedicated to the health service and his patients.

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I first seen Mr O'Brien as a 13 year old that the paed's couldn't help. Mr O'Brien quite frankly gave me my life back. This was almost 25 years ago, but I will never forget what he done for me. He was the first doctor to actually listen and believe what I was saying. At that point I didn't have much trust in doctors. But his kindness and hard work to help me was immense.

From the bottom of my heart, Thank you Mr O'Brien.

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We have known Aidan for 25 years as a friend and colleague, and he has also treated a close family member on several occasions. He is a gentleman, and a complete professional, second to none. As retired GPs we had many patients treated by Aidan. He was always very competent and incredibly caring, conscientious and dedicated to his patients. He worked extremely hard over all those years, always putting the patients first. He does not deserve this treatment!

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Aidan OBrien is an absolute gentleman. He was so kind and went above and beyond for my Dad. He done so, out of hours and not even in a private capacity either with absolutely no need to help my Dad as it wasn't even his area of expertise. He understood our desperation to get my Dad looked at and he organised another consultant to take a look at him urgently. Without no doubt at all, only for Aidan, he saved my Dads life. He went out of his way for us and I will never forget that if he hadn't of helped us my Dad would no longer be with us. For that I thank him very much.

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I was absolutely heartbroken when I first heard of this fabricated scandal. How anyone can be treated like this is beyond imaginable. Unfortunately Aidan is the last of a dying breed and I am truly convinced that not another Doctor in this country, or beyond could or would give the truly genuine care that he has given. The trust, who obviously think so little of him will in time be given its biggest apology ever.

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I have known Aidan all my life and he has always been a very kind and caring gentleman. He has always devoted himself to his profession. It is sad to think this is how he is being repaid for his years of dedication towards his patients!

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Without the care and support of Mr Aidan O'Brien over the course of many years, I can honestly say that my mother would simply not be here today. Aidan's professionalism, experience and compassion guided him through many long days in theatre and on the wards; and as a family we are extremely grateful that we had him in our lives taking care of our mother. Over the years we met many doctors and consultants who were great, but there were simply none like Aidan, we always felt more at ease when he was there to take control of the situation and to help mummy come back from many tough times. Not only was he compassionate and caring towards mummy, but this care was also extended to our entire family many times when she was very ill and when we too needed support. When this news of an inquiry was announced, I personally received many messages of support for Aidan as everyone who knows my family appreciate how much we think of him and his level of dedication to his career through the years. We will never be able to thank Aidan enough for everything he has done for us in caring for mummy and we are blessed to have had such a dedicated and professional consultant and friend who always went above and beyond, no matter what time of day or night. He brightened up the darkest of days and he is someone we will always hold in high regard. Aidan will have our full support through this difficult time, just like he has supported my family and so many other patients and families through their difficult times.

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I have been under the care of Mr Aidan O'Brien for the past 20yrs and in that time he has explored all avenues of urology in his care of me, I would be honoured to call him a friend, this gentleman has worked so hard trying to give me relief from my condition (my prison), my gp referred me to urology at CAH, by the Grace of God my 1st consultation was with Mr Aidan O'Brien, during this consultation I broke down explaining how I was trapped by my condition, he listened and I felt empathy from him, this started what I can only describe as a friendship, since that day I have had numerous operations some being in the day procedure unit where at 8am you will see Mr O'Brien talking to his patients before starting his operations and after he would still be there to answer my questions, I have also seen him in the evening talking to his patients at well past 7pm. When you meet him whether in a hospital environment or on the street he will make time to say hello, this GENTLEMAN has been a shining light to the southern trust and I was horrified to see his character assassination on tv by our health minister! Let me tell you that if you had a condition that more or less meant that you lived in your bathroom and you had a consultant that listened, understood, and would go out of their way to help you then you would want Mr O'Brien in your corner, most people work to live, this consultant lives to work and the southern trust is worse off for making him a scapegoat for the trust's failings. Thank you Mr O'Brien for your expertise in urology.

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Can't believe this is happening, Aidan O'Brien and his family, I have known all my life such an honest, decent person a gentleman. Thinking of you all in my thoughts and prayers.

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My Mother was one of Mr O'Briens patients and we can honestly say that the level of commitment to patient care was unmeasurable after being under the care of other doctors who were unable to recognise my mother's problem. We have never met another doctor that has presented as much dedication and as much care to my mother while under Mr O'Brien's care. Only for Mr O'Brien I am convinced my mother would not have survived at that time as his professionalism is next to none. We are deeply saddened and disgusted to hear of the accusations against Mr O'Briens good name, I have never heard anyone speak ill of Mr O'Brien, this is disgraceful and I trust that the truth will prevail.

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I have seen Dr O'Brien at work on quite a number of occasions over the years. He always treated all staff in theatre with respect and was known for coming in at any hour of the night if a patient required emergency surgery. Since these accusations have emerged there is not one Doctor, Health care professional or patient that has a bad word to say about him and that in itself is extremely rare. All anyone comments on is what a remarkable doctor he is and what a great bedside manner he has. He should not be made a scapegoat because of failings in a system that he has no control over. I hope this inquiry reaches a speedy and successful conclusion so he can enjoy his retirement after dedicating his entire career to helping others. I just hope he knows that his former colleagues do not support the Trust and the gutter presses stance on this.

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I have read the comments posted here and decided that I should give my point of view. I found Dr O'Brien to be very empathetic, caring and always shows his professionalism. He is a true gentleman who is full of compassion and integrity. I really hope and pray the truth is revealed and clears Dr O'Brien of all the false accusations. Praying for the truth to come out and that Dr O'Brien and his family will have peace in the coming months.

Conor

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I have known Aidan & his family Personal Information redacted by the USI professionally, as a neighbour & as a trusted friend. Aidan has always been a gentleman towards everyone, patients & publicly. He dedicated his life as a true professional in his field in the Southern Trust above and beyond what he was required to do. Aidan has treated many members of my family giving a very professional service, treatment and advice. My personal experiences with Aidan have been extremely supportive and compassionate. I hold Aidan & his family in such High Regard.

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I am full of respect and admiration for Aidan O'Brien. I believe that he is what any one in the medical profession should strive to be like and the system has let him down. I know that he will continue to conduct himself with the same dignity and professionalism that he has not been afforded. All the best wishes and keep your head held high Aidan.

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Aidan O'Brien has spent his career demonstrating what it means to be entirely dedicated to his patients and going above and beyond to ensure the impact he made helped as many people as any person could hope to in one lifetime. His love for his work was as clear as his commitment and sense of responsibility to his patients in any interaction I have had with him over the years. While I haven't been treated by Aidan, it's clear that he has been an exceptional support to countless patients and their families over the years and to have his service now represented so inaccurately is despicable and utterly cruel.

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Having been under the care of Aidan O'Brien, I can say that he is a true professional. Aidan is a great man.

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Can't speak highly enough about Aidan. I have heard so many stories about his kindness and commitment to his work. He has given so much of his life to his profession and he is an inspiration to many. Looking forward to the end of this process and the positive outcome he deserves.

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Coming from a large family, we have had many appointments with numerous Consultants over the years. Some good, some not so good and sadly some totally useless. Aidan O'Brien does not fit into any of the above categories in our collective opinion. His unique ability to treat several, (NHS or Private) patients in our family, equally is such an admirable quality. Money was never his master. To be able to do his work, to help ill people regain good health, was his sincere focus since he graduated in the medical field. We are blessed in Northern Ireland to have been able to avail of Aidan O'Brien's unstinting dedication to Urology in Craigavon Area Hospital.

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Dr O'Brien was a very hard working man he was always smiling and knew how to make the patient smile and feel comfortable, he certainly knew how to look after his patients from the first day he met them. There was always kind words said he always made the patient feel safe and comfortable during consultations and always give best treatment possible. Sending support your way.

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My father was very fortunate to be under the care of Mr Aidan O'Brien and I had the pleasure of meeting him on two occasions while attending hospital appointments with my dad. As a family, we will be forever grateful for the kindness, compassion and understanding that Mr O'Brien showed towards my father. On the morning of my fathers operation he came into the ward, shook hands with him and told him he had arranged for him to go down to theatre first because he was a diabetic. This immediately put my father at ease. Mr O'Brien was a brilliant surgeon and a true gentleman. The aftercare my father received through follow up visits and phone calls was second to none. (NHS patient at Craigavon Area Hospital.) It was obvious Mr O'Brien genuinely cared for his patients. We wish Mr O'Brien well in the coming weeks and hope he can enjoy a well deserved retirement.

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I have had kidney issues all my life , when I was 13 I was under the care of Aidan OBrien, I was in fact his youngest patient. I have to say he's the most caring man I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. I took very ill at 17 and was only hours away from dying, not only did Aidan save my life on that occasion by removing my kidney and giving me the best care anyone could give. he was very supportive and made sure I was given the best care possible. Then again at 19 my other kidney started to give me bother he was on hand to perform another 2 operations which again saved my life. Without this man I definitely wouldn't be alive today. I've always had the upmost love and care for Aidan, I wish him the very best and hopefully this matter is resolved soon and he can enjoy his retirement as he deserves.

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Mr O'Brien treated my father on a couple of occasions. He was a true gentleman with time to fully explain to my father what the problem was and what treatment was required. My father had the greatest of respect for Mr O'Brien. I attended the appointments with my dad and he was extremely courteous to me too.

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