

Jewish Medical Association UK

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STATEMENT

Lord Mann review of antisemitism and other forms of racism in the NHS and healthcare regulatory system

- The report of Lord Mann's review has been published on 4 June 2026; we welcome its candour and insightful observations.
- The Government has accepted [for England] all the Report's 36 recommendations.
- **It is important to the JMA that anti-Jewish hatred is identified in the report, for all to see, as racism.**
- No longer can NHS institutions and health regulators claim that antisemitism is not racism and deal with it as a lesser form of possibly offensive behaviour.
- **We welcome the Report's description of the NHS as an institution and service which we should all feel comfortable to use or to work in; Jewish patients and staff want to feel they belong and that they have the same rights as everyone else to be themselves while using or working in the NHS.**

Patients and fellow staff should not find themselves anxious or intimidated about the possible implications for them of a political symbol worn by a staff member. This is distinct from the right to wear religious symbols within freedom of religious expression.

- The Report acknowledges the importance of Medical Schools in forming future generations of British doctors, where professional behaviours need to be nurtured and unacceptable behaviours called out and sanctioned appropriately.
- We share the belief that medical schools and indeed, training institutions for other aspiring health professionals, are of central importance to building the future culture of the NHS and our student branch, Student JMA (sJMA) is dedicated to the support and development of Jewish medical students, some of whom have suffered unacceptable anti-Jewish abuse in recent times.
- We welcome the Report's focus on the importance of both employers and regulators in ensuring that antisemitism is taken seriously and handled effectively at the appropriate level.
- Whilst some of the most egregious cases of antisemitism among doctors have been among those not in direct employment and so they would not necessarily be managed at the level of the employer, the principle of ensuring that managers and leaders in the NHS are trained and equipped to recognise antisemitism and all other forms of racism is key to implementation of many other recommendations. Whilst we have too often assumed a reasonable level of understanding of antisemitism at senior level in the NHS, Lord Mann has helpfully recognised there is some way to go.

- The Report makes some complex recommendations in relation to regulation, particularly regarding the General Medical Council (GMC) and Medical Practitioner Tribunal Service (MPTS).
Having expressed our concerns to the GMC repeatedly over the past few years, we hope these recommendations will lead to consistent, transparent, fair, efficient processes and decision making across all health regulators.
- We welcome Lord Mann's description of the relevance of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism, which we have long sought to have adopted throughout the health sector.
It is essential that Jewish patients and staff can rely upon the IHRA definition when they experience antisemitism, rather than have their claims dismissed or trivialised.
- **The Jewish Medical Association is committed to playing its full part in supporting and facilitating the implementation of this Report's recommendations and to tackling all forms of racism and discrimination in the health sector.**

The full Report can be found at: [Lord Mann review on antisemitism and other forms of racism in the NHS - GOV.UK](#)

Government Response to the Report 4/6/26: [Government response to the Lord Mann review on antisemitism and other forms of racism in the NHS - GOV.UK](#)

Ministerial Statements 4/6/26: [Written statements - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament](#)

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