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PRESS STATEMENT

KITGUM GENERAL HOSPITAL ISSUES CLARIFICATION ON VIRAL TIKTOK VIDEO REGARDING PATIENT ADMISSION AND REFERRAL

Kitgum General Hospital has noted a video circulating on TikTok alleging that a patient was admitted to the hospital for three days before his death. The hospital wishes to clarify the circumstances surrounding the patient's admission and referral.

According to the hospital's records, the patient was admitted on **17th September 2026 at 9:00 a.m.** Following an initial clinical assessment, the attending medical team conducted the necessary investigations and determined that the patient required further specialized medical care.

Given the patient's critical condition and the hospital's available critical care capacity, the medical team made a referral to **St. Mary's Hospital Lacor at 8:00 p.m. on the same day** for further management, including assessment for possible surgical intervention.

The hospital therefore clarifies that, according to its records, the patient was referred to another health facility on the same day of admission, rather than remaining admitted at Kitgum General Hospital for three days as alleged.

The hospital emphasizes that clinical decisions, including referrals, are guided by the patient's condition, investigation findings and the level of care available. The attending health workers are expected to uphold professional standards, medical ethics and the duty to provide appropriate care.

In respect of the deceased and the bereaved family, the hospital will not disclose personal identifying information or confidential medical details in this public statement. The hospital also encourages the public and social media users to verify information through the appropriate official channels before sharing claims that may cause misunderstanding or undermine public confidence in health services.

Kitgum General Hospital extends its sincere condolences to the bereaved family and relatives. The hospital remains committed to providing professional, ethical and patient-centred healthcare services to the people of Kitgum District and the surrounding communities. The hospital management further urges members of the community to seek medical attention promptly whenever they feel unwell, rather than delaying treatment at home, as early medical intervention can improve health outcomes and help prevent complications.

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