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£120,000 fine after death of patients

NHS Tayside has been fined £120,000 after admitting criminal responsibility for the deaths of three patients in a single ward at one of its hospitals.

The health board admitted a catalogue of failings over several years which led to the deaths at the newly opened Murray Royal Hospital in Perth.

The board was described as "chaotic" and directly to blame for system failures which led to the deaths of Jodie McNab (22), Rebecca Sangster (31), and Jacqueline Proctor (60).

Jodie's mother Tracy Swan said: "Having learned of the health and safety failings within Moredun Ward at Murray Royal Hospital, we feel that she would have been safer at home with her family.

"We would like to see changes within the mental health service provision in Tayside, and as a family we would dearly like to think that things have changed since Jodie's death to prevent this happening to any other family."

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FIGHT AGAINST CORONAVIRUS



Farewell Perth Academy pupils say goodbye on Friday

ASSESSMENT HUB AT PRI



New temporary facility being built at city hospital

ROBBIE CHALMERS

Work was taking place yesterday to create a coronavirus assessment hub at Perth Royal Infirmary as the battle against the pandemic escalates.

A temporary facility will be set up at the city's hospital on Taymount Terrace to assess individuals with symptoms of the virus who feel they are too ill to continue self-isolating and may need further medical assistance.

The radical development comes as the region faces its first full week of closures to all schools, pubs, clubs, restaurants, theatres and cinemas, with many shops expected to follow.

And for many Perth and Kinross S6 pupils, last Friday became an even tougher occasion as it was their last ever day at school.

Yesterday, it was announced that 47 cases of COVID-19 had been confirmed in Tayside.

On Monday afternoon, first minister Nicola Sturgeon announced the sprawling programme which sees similar assessment facilities being adopted across the country.

She also called on shops not selling essential items to close, along with the likes of building sites and hairdressers.

Patients will be asked to contact NHS 24 on the 111

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