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The letters Editor  
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Dear Sir/madam,

I would appreciate it if you could print my letter below.

The Indian Workers Association asks why Dr Raj Mattu is still being prevented by the Chairman and Chief Executive of Coventry's NHS Trust from caring for our city's patients. Why does he remain suspended 4 years after he blew the whistle on the Trust Management's overcrowding practice endangering patient safety and deaths.

Yesterday the truth finally surfaced - at least 11 deaths occurred of 5<sup>th</sup> patients squeezed into four bed bays. Two were originally revealed when Dr Mattu appeared on the BBC in September 2001, yet Bryan Stoten, Trust Chairman, has always denied any evidence for the second death, losing his temper and banging tables at a Trust Board meeting in July 2003 when questioned about it. He demanded that Dr Peter Mulrooney produce the evidence of a second death if it existed. Dr Mulrooney twice provided this to Mr Stoten and resigned in disgust at the Management's response.

Trust Managers have now had to admit that documentary evidence for the second death exists but they blame the previous management for the problems. This is not good enough, Mr Stoten must be held responsible and to account for his repeated denials, even after the previous management had been removed.

Dr Mattu was clearly justified in raising his concerns and his suspension has followed from his brave actions. We call for his immediate reinstatement so that he be allowed back to our Hospital to continue caring for Coventry's patients. We ask for an independent inquiry into this disgraceful matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Dilbagh Singh Gill**  
**Secretary, Indian Workers Association**