



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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This afternoon, staff in the A & E Department at St Bernard's Hospital were attacked by a member of the public who was in the Department at the time.

The attack resulted in a GHA Doctor being seriously injured. The Doctor is in a serious but stable condition following a stabbing. His injuries are not life threatening and he is expected to make a full recovery.

A Security Guard was also injured in the incident and is in a stable condition. Other staff members received minor injuries.

The GHA staff on duty at the time are commended for their bravery and their excellent response to the situation. The GHA would also like to thank the other staff who were not on duty who came in to work early to relieve those affected.

A man is in police custody in relation to the incident. Therefore, as the matter is now the subject of a police investigation, the GHA will make no further comment.