

WOMEN & GENDER EQUALITY COMMISSION

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The Women and Gender Equality Commission wishes to register its concerns over the prolonged issue with Nurses of the Linden Hospital Complex and the Management stemming from the inappropriate and disparaging remarks made by the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Rudolph Small.

The Commission notes that these irresponsible and unprofessional remarks were made public via the online media for which the CEO sought to offer an apology.

We view these remarks as irresponsible, insensitive and disrespectful to the nurses placing them at risk of victimization and of gender-based violence.

Our nurses do not deserve to be discouraged and dehumanized - especially at this time when they are facing the challenges of being on the frontline to keep our nation safe from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Commission condemns the words and actions of the CEO and calls for his replacement, since it seems he lacks the professionalism, leadership and gender sensitivity required for the job at hand.

We call on the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Health to take appropriate action.

The Women and Gender Equality Commission stands in solidarity with the Nurses at the Linden Hospital and in upholding their rights.