<u>Grantham Hospital appeals to public on</u> <u>missing patient</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Grantham Hospital (GH) made the following appeal today (December 3) regarding a patient leaving the hospital without notifying hospital staff:

A 78-year-old female patient with dementia left the Geriatric Medicine ward of GH at around 4pm today without notifying hospital staff. Security guards were immediately deployed to search for the patient within the hospital compound and the vicinity, but could not locate the woman. The hospital is very concerned about the incident and immediately informed the patient's family, and asked the Police for assistance.

The patient is about 1.54 metres tall, with grey and black hair and a medium body build. She was wearing a light blue long-sleeve jacket and dark pants when she left the hospital.

GH has reported the case to the Hospital Authority Head Office via the Advanced Incident Reporting System. The hospital appeals to the public to contact Aberdeen Police Station at 3661 1614 if they know the whereabouts of the patient.