

HSE to prosecute Priory Healthcare Limited

Priory Healthcare Ltd appeared before Westminster Magistrates' Court today, Wednesday 20 April, and pleaded guilty to failing to discharge a duty under Section 3(1) Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. It's conviction follows the death of 21-year-old Francesca Whyatt after she was discovered unconscious at The Priory Hospital, Roehampton on 25 September 2013.

An HSE spokesperson said: "We acknowledge this case has been referred to Southwark Crown Court for sentencing and will comment further after this hearing, the date for which is yet to be confirmed."

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Notes to Editors:

1. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is Britain's national regulator for workplace health and safety. We prevent work-related death, injury and ill health through regulatory actions that range from influencing behaviours across whole industry sectors through to targeted interventions on individual businesses. These activities are supported by globally recognised scientific expertise. hse.gov.uk^[1]
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