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STATEMENT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Black River Hospital (BRH) expresses sympathy to the family of Vivienne Smith, who died at the hospital in St. Elizabeth on Wednesday, August 22.

Preliminary investigations into the death of Ms. Smith revealed that she was admitted to the ward on August 13, after being referred by a private practitioner.

Ms. Smith presented with problems related to a chronic condition. In an effort to improve her situation and manage her complicated state, several interventions were undertaken, which included surgery. Despite the efforts of the medical team who did all they could to save her life, she died several hours after surgery on Wednesday morning (August 22).

The BRH medical team met with Ms. Smith's family to provide clarity on the circumstances surrounding the death of their family member.

The BRH once again expresses deepest sympathies to the family during this difficult period.

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