CAMPAIGN

Clean up Florence Nightingale statue and ‘show her respect’, petition urges

A campaign has been launched to move a Florence Nightingale statue in Derbyshire amid concerns about antisocial behaviour.

Almost 600 people have signed a petition asking Derby City Council to move the statue, after reports that a man was caught urinating on its base.

Supporters want the listed statue to be moved from its current home outside the former Derbyshire Royal Infirmary to the Royal Derby Hospital.

It is one of three statues in the county honouring the Crimean War nurse, who spent much of her early life there.

Derby resident George Matkin started the petition after reading about the incident in a local newspaper.

Addressing council leader Ranjit Banwait, Mr Matkin wrote: ‘We are writing to you in order that you clean her up and show her the respect she deserves by moving her to the Royal Derby Hospital. This way the lady with the lamp can shine her everlasting light on the sick people in our city.’

The council told Nursing Standard it would consider moving the statue if there was public support and the planning process allowed it.

Review praises nurse-led diabetes programmes

The work of nurses has been highlighted in a major diabetes review that warns the NHS must do more to help patients self-manage their condition.

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence recommends that people with diabetes receive structured education that includes advice on how to manage the condition.

But the Care Quality Commission My Diabetes, My Care review found some patients in England do not attend such courses because they are unaware they exist, they are discouraged by long waiting times, or the courses are held at inconvenient times.

The review highlights best practice, including the work of nurses at The Liverpool Diabetes Partnership, who provide education and health programmes. Community diabetes specialist nurse Gerry Clarke told Nursing Standard: ‘Before, patients had only 10 minutes with a GP or consultant, but now they get longer, personalised meetings.’

Others singled out for praise include a group-based education programme at Elgar House Surgery in Worcestershire.