

# SITES FLOG FAKE NHS UNIFORMS

**FAKE NHS uniforms are being sold online — sparking fears criminals can impersonate medical staff.** Unofficial fleeces with an NHS logo can be personalised to include a name. The Sun on Sunday found clothing being sold for £20 on TikTok, eBay, Amazon and Etsy. Many listings claim discounted prices and one on Amazon wrongly says the £32.99 jumper “complies

**EXCLUSIVE by ZEENIA NAQVEE and ANDY ROBINSON** with NHS Identity Guidelines”. But staff appear to be among buyers, despite trusts spending about £23million a year on uniforms. One assistant admitted: “I’m waiting ages for a jacket so I thought I’d buy one.” A Nursing and Midwifery Council spokesman said: “It’s vital patients are not misled about somebody’s status as a health or care professional.” Shadow Health Secretary Stuart Andrew wants regulation, saying: “There’s a risk they could be used to impersonate staff.” The Department for Health and Social Care said: “We take unauthorised use of the NHS name very seriously.” TikTok, eBay and Amazon says sellers misusing trademarks risk removal and bans.



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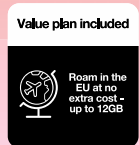
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# TOP ROYAL WRITER ON SPOILED ANDREW

**FROM the moment of his birth, celebrated with a fly-past of 36 Hunter Jets over Buckingham Palace as well as the traditional gun salutes, Andrew Mountbatten Windsor's life was one of great privilege.**

And Andrew was arrogant enough to assume that privilege was owed to him no matter how badly he behaved — a belief that has ultimately been his undoing. Andrew wholeheartedly believed that he was different from common people and that meant different rules applied to him.

When he was five, he made his way to the bottom yard of the Royal Mews at Windsor while his father Prince Philip was out carriage driving.

The grooms didn't like having him around because they had seen him taunting the dogs and aiming sly kicks at helpless guardsmen.

But when he started taking a swipe at the legs of the horses, they decided to teach him a lesson. They picked up the protesting prince, tossed him onto the dung heap and shovelled manure over him. When the impact of his humiliation hit him, he yelled and ran up the hill to the castle shouting, "I'll tell my mummy! I'll tell my mummy on you!"

No one knows if he ever did but there were no repercussions. And he seemed to learn nothing from being dumped in a pile of manure.

The former royal's fall from grace is now complete, with King Charles stripping him of his Prince title and serving him an eviction notice on his grand home, Royal Lodge. It comes after this newspaper revealed emails showing he had lied about cutting off contact with convicted paedophile Jeffrey Epstein. Further revelations in his accuser Virginia Giuffre's posthumous memoir forced the King's hand.

Charles once said of the constitutional monarchy: "There isn't any power. But there can be influence. The influence is in direct proportion to the respect people have for you."

He knew that the stink surrounding Andrew was doing immense damage to public respect for the monarchy, which left him no choice. Andrew did not help himself by refusing to show any remorse and behaving in his usual spoiled way.

While engulfed in scandal, he thought he could lie his way out. He clung to his 30-room mansion on a peppercorn rent in the face of growing public fury.

And he was so tone deaf he placed himself front and centre at the Duchess of Kent's funeral in September, publicly embarrassing Prince William by trying to engage him in conversation in front of the world's media.

While everyone else was suitably sombre, he was cracking jokes in his usual rather offish way. While his decades of bad behaviour have finally caught up with him, the seeds of his downfall were planted young. From an early age, Andrew enjoyed luxuries and privileges that made him believe he was special — and started to form his entitled character.

The late Queen, 34 when Andrew was born, wanted her favourite son to lead as normal an existence as possible but it didn't work.

The young prince took tennis lessons from veteran player and the BBC's voice of Wimbledon, Dan Maskell, and was taught cricket at Lords by professional Len Muncer.

He had skating lessons at Wimbledon stadium with professional skater Ron Lee and, when it was Andrew's turn to train, all other skaters were taken off the rink.

His life was undeniably rarefied, so it was little surprise that attempts to integrate the mischief-making prince with children from ordinary backgrounds always failed.

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His attitude stood out at his boarding school, Gordonstoun. One girl who was in the same

**SUN ON SUNDAY LEADS THE WAY**



By ALEX DIAZ

HERE are Sun on Sunday world exclusives on Andrew: DEC 8, 2019: We reveal he invited monsters Jeffrey Epstein, Ghislaine Maxwell and Harvey Weinstein to daughter Beatrice's 18th.

OCT 16, 2022: We show he was Maxwell's "dear friend".

SEPT 21, 2025: We reveal ex-wife Sarah Ferguson called Epstein a "supreme friend".

And three weeks ago we show Andrew emailed Epstein: "We're in this together."

class as Andrew remembers him as "a man with a fat bottom who laughed at his own jokes".

Another former pupil said he was "just another poor little rich kid who didn't know if he wanted to be a Prince or one of the lads".

In fact, being a Prince wasn't enough for him — he wanted to move in the circles of the fabulously rich and powerful.

His father expressed concern that Andrew was so easily impressed by "seedy billionaires".

But this didn't stop his son cosy-ing up to politicians from Azerbai-

jan, Kazakhstan, Tunisia, Libya and Turkmenistan, causing embarrassment to the Royal Family.

But his most controversial relationship of all was with the American financier Jeffrey Epstein, who was sentenced to 18 months in prison in 2008 for procuring a minor for prostitution. Most people, especially those with the responsibilities that come with a royal profile, would realise that a child sex conviction was the moment to cut ties with a former friend. But Andrew is not like most people.

He thinks he can carry on how

he likes in private while still enjoying respect for his public role and the privileged lifestyle that it funds.

A now infamous picture shows Andrew walking with Epstein in New York's Central Park in December 2010, after he had been released from prison.

He would later tell Emily Maitlis during a bombshell Newsnight interview in 2019 that this was his last contact with the sex offender. We now know this is not true.

It casts doubt on everything else he told Maitlis. He suggested the picture showing him with his arm

around Virginia Giuffre, taken at the London townhouse of Epstein's co-conspirator Ghislaine Maxwell, could have been faked. And he claimed he had "no recollection" of meeting Virginia, who says she was forced to have sex with Andrew when she was 17.

He did not express any sympathy for Epstein's victims — because he thought he didn't have to.

Andrew has always denied all allegations against him. In 2022, he paid an out-of-court settlement to Virginia, rumoured to be around £12million. As part of the settle-

ment, he released a statement that acknowledged her suffering as an abuse victim and expressed regret for his association with Epstein.

Maybe this time, he will finally realise he is in a heap of manure he can't ignore. Now is the time for Andrew to start again. He should try a little humility instead of clinging onto the shreds of his past.

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Spoiled child . . . Andrew with Queen Mother

# Chucked on dung heap aged 5... back on it at 65

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