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References:

- a. My letter 28.1.2000 to Clinical Director Elderly Medicine
- b. My letter 22.2.2000 to Dr David Jarrett (copies of both letters attached)

Dear Peter,

Over recent months I have become increasingly concerned about the clinical cover provided to the continuing care beds at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I have highlighted these worries on two occasions previously in the enclosed letters.

I returned from my Easter leave this weekend to find that the situation has deteriorated even further. For example on one of the wards I will only be having locum consultant cover until September. In addition an increasing number of higher risk "step down" patients continue to be transferred to the wards where the existing staffing levels do not provide safe and adequate medical cover or appropriate nursing expertise for them.

The situation has now reached the point that, with the agreement of my partners, I have no option but to tender my resignation.

My original contract of employment signed in 1993 indicates I am required to give you two months notice. However, I wish my serious concerns and anxieties to be placed on record during the notice period.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Barton

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