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To: Charles Farthing
Subject: Gosport inquest - theraputic question

Hi!

**Re Gosport inquest submissions
Question about "therapeutic" use of medication**

I spoke with Tom on Friday at a meeting. Also as the GMC hearing reaches a conclusion Tom and I will meet again to talk through the outcome and where we go next with tactics for all the cases.

I just wanted to emphasise that Tom is very much "on side" with us re Barton. Please be in not doubt about this.

He said the approach he invited the Coroner to use was in line with his written submissions. The primary submission was for unlawful killing, which is what we still all want. In the event the Coroner went down the narrative route then the only submissions Tom made were in relation to the treatment:

- Being appropriate or inappropriate; and
- Contributing to death.

Tom's questions are properly worded in the written submissions which the Coroner had. The only reason Tom had not returned to me sooner is that he knew we were meeting on Friday.

Unfortunately the Coroner has wide powers to frame his own verdict. The theraputic question was certainly not our submission.

When the GMC closes I do see a major role for Tom at the next stage. He has a fantastic intellect and great integrity.

Sorry for the garbled response but I really wanted to respond promptly.

Best wishes

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