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Other persons present: MR BARKER, SOLICITOR

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DC YATES Right first of all because there's been a considerable break between the last time we spoke and now I'm going to have to go through the preamble (inaudible). This interview again is being tape recorded. I'm DC2479 Chris YATES, my colleague is ...

DC QUADE DC1162 Geoff QUADE.

DC YATES ... I'm interviewing Dr Jane BARTON, Dr BARTON can you please give your full name and your date of birth?

BARTON Jane Ann BARTON, 19/10/48.

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DC YATES                      And also present is Mr BARKER, Dr BARTON's solicitor  
can you give your full name?

BARKER                        I can confirm that, my name is Ian BARKER from the  
Medical Defence Union Legal Department.

DC YATES                      This interview is being conducted in an office, within the  
Fraud Squad at Netley Support Police Headquarters. The  
time is 1123 hours, still on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November  
2004 (04/11/2004). At the conclusion of the interview Dr  
BARTON I'll give you a notice explaining what will  
happen to the tapes, which is that form we showed you  
earlier on. Remind you that you're still entitled to free legal  
advice, you have Mr BARKER here. Can I just confirm  
have you had time now to discuss again with him, you're  
ready to speak to us at the moment?

BARKER                        We're ready to proceed with the interview, yes.

DC YATES                      With the interview I should say yeah, okay. Now again I'll  
remind you you're here voluntarily Dr BARTON so if at  
any time you want to leave you're free to do so. Again I'm  
going to have to caution you that you do not have to say  
anything but it may harm your defence if you do not  
mention when questioned something which you later rely  
on in court. We've been through the explanation of that,  
are you still happy with that explanation, you understand?

BARTON                        I am.

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DC YATES

Okay, again the interview is being remotely monitored, you can see the red light on the box there and it's being monitored by DS GROCOTT in another office. Right in the last interview Dr BARTON you gave us and read out a very full prepared statement that covers quite a few of the questions that we actually want to ask you. However it doesn't cover all of them so I do propose to ask the questions, albeit you have indicated through your solicitor, Mr BARKER, that you wish to make no comment. Hopefully though you'll see as I go through the questions that they are particularly generic, they're not at all specific to the case of Elsie DEVINE and you may feel at some stage that you, you may wish to comment on them. Now as I said some of the questions I'll ask you have been covered in your prepared statement so we've been through the prepared statement, it's very full but we think rather than having to flick through bits of paper and decide which questions have been asked, or answered should I say, if we go through them chronologically it will actually probably save us time but one thing that does come out of the prepared statement and it really jumped out at all of us that I would like to cover straight away and I don't know whether you've got, got it to refer to at all but on page seven of your statement the top paragraph which obviously continues from page six, you make mention that you raised the matter that you're overstretched, I'm summarising it, albeit verbally saying that you couldn't manage the level of care for a number of patients but the reality was there was no one else to do it and on the last paragraph you said in 1998 you tried to raise the issue with the Trust management

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but there was no one else to to do the job. I really would like to know can you remember who specifically ...

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES ... you spoke to verbally? Okay because it will certainly assist us in our enquiry if we could know we would need to go and see to see if can make any records, find records of that conversation. Okay what I intend to do now then, unless there's anything there you want to ask Geoff?

DC QUADE No.

DC YATES Is actually to start to go through the questions that I'd like to ask you. Well the first topic area is qualifications and as I said earlier some of these questions have been answered in your prepared statement. When did you qualify as a doctor?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Where did you qualify?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Where did you train to become a general practitioner?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES When did you start working at Gosport?

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- BARTON No comment.
- DC YATES What is the organisational set up of the practice?
- BARTON No comment.
- DC YATES How many doctors were actually working at the practice from 1990 onwards?
- BARTON No comment.
- DC YATES Since qualifying as a GP what further professional qualifications have you obtained?
- BARTON No comment.
- DC YATES Since you started working at Gosport what further training have you undertaken in the field of medicine?
- BARTON No comment.
- DC YATES What is your GMC, the General Medical Council Registration Number?
- BARTON No comment.
- DC YATES What do you understand as being your responsibilities under that registration?
- BARTON No comment.

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DC YATES                      The next topic area it's the role of the GP. What are your responsibilities as a General Practitioner?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      How did the practice work, particularly that is in relation to the care of the elderly?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      How many patients were you responsible for within the practice during the 1990's?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      Did you operate a call out system?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      How was your working day constructed?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      Were there any areas of speciality that you were responsible for within the practice?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      How would your patients come to be admitted to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital?

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BARTON No comment.

DC YATES And once there who would look after them?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Right, okay. You became a Clinical Assistant at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital and I'd like to ask you some questions about that. What was the role of the Gosport War Memorial Hospital within the local community, that is as far as you were concerned?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Prior to you starting work there as a Clinical Assistant how were the patients from the community cared for within that hospital?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES There's something called Bed Fund Holders, what are they?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES How and why did you become the Clinical Assistant?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Was there a selection board for the post?

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- BARTON No comment.
- DC YATES What was the purpose of having a Clinical Assistant at that hospital?
- BARTON No comment.
- DC YATES What were you expected to do on a day to day basis, a daily basis?
- BARTON No comment.
- DC YATES What was the remuneration package for the post?
- BARTON No comment.
- DC YATES How was the job description for the post decided upon if you were the post holder?
- BARTON No comment.
- DC YATES And I think within that job description there was certain duties that the post holder was expected to uphold. Can you (inaudible) one to visit the units on a regular basis and to be available on call as necessary.
- BARTON No comment.
- DC YATES And how would you ensure then that all new patients were seen promptly after admission?



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BARTON No comment.

DC YATES In what ways were you responsible for the day to day medical management of the patients?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Who was responsible for the writing up of the original case notes?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES And who ensured that follow up notes were kept up to date and reviewed?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Who would complete upon a patients discharge, discharge summary?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES I think there's another form, it might be the same form I'm not sure but I think it's called an HRM60 or 60, who's responsible for completing that?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Who was responsible to ensure the prompt preparation of death certificates and for the cremation certificates were appropriate?

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BARTON No comment.

DC YATES And who would take part in the weekly consultant rounds?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Was it your responsibility to prescribe as required drugs for the patients under the care of the consultant physicians in the geriatric medicine?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Did you have to participate, where possible, in multi disciplinary case conferences and discussions related to the patients in the unit?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES How did you provide clinical advice and professional support to other members of the caring team?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES How would you identify opportunities to improve services so that a higher level of care could be provided within the resources that were available to you?

BARTON No comment.

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DC YATES                      Were you available when required to advise and counsel relatives?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      Were you responsible for liaising with the GP's with whom the patient was registered and with other clinicians and agencies?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      Those are several roles that were initially identified within the job description. How long was a session, you were employed for a number of sessions a week, as you've pointed out in your statement, how long was a session?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      Did you spend longer than the allotted time at the hospital?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      Who were you accountable to on a daily basis?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      So who was responsible for you overall?

BARTON                         No comment.

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DC YATES I believe your contract was offered in April 1998 for one year, how was that renewed?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Did you receive any training and what training did you receive for that given role?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What training was provided in relation to pharmacy and the prescription of drugs?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES How, if at all, did the role of clinical assistant develop over the years?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES If there were any changes was it reflected in a new job description?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES How did you feel about your levels of responsibilities?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES In the same vein what did you think the hospital actually expected of you?

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BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What in your view did you think was the role of the consultant in charge of the ward?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Did you feel that you were provided with enough support throughout your work when there's only one consultant providing cover?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES When would you conduct your rounds?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What was the purpose of your round?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES When would you make entries in medical records?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What is the purpose behind formulating and recording a working diagnosis?

BARTON No comment.

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DC YATES                      What are the Wessex Protocols?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      And how were they applied?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      What is an analgesic ladder?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      And how would that be applied?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      What policy was in place regarding prescription of strong opiate analgesia?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      Just take a quick break here Geoff is there anything you want ...

DC QUADE                      No.

DC YATES                      ... no. Moving onto the topic area of clerking. What is the purpose of the clinical assistant in the context of looking after patients?

BARTON                         No comment.

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DC YATES                      On the admission or transference of a patient to the ward  
what process should take place?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      Who should carry out the function of clerking?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      If it's a doctor who carries out that function what should he  
or she do?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      Again on the other hand if it's a nurse what should he or  
she do?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      What is the purpose of initial clerking?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      What records would arrive with a patient?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      Would a patient always arrive with the notes from the QA  
Hospital for instance?

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BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Initial assessments, what is the purpose of an initial medical assessment of a patient when they arrive on the ward?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Who would you be expecting to read the entry?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES So when would you actually see a patient for the first time?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES And what physical examination of the patient would you carry out?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Care plans, what's the purpose of a care plan?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Do you have any input into a care plan?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What would you expect to see recorded in the patient notes on a day to day basis?



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BARTON No comment.

DC YATES And that includes the nursing and medical notes.

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Ward rounds, how often would you conduct your rounds?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES And who would you conduct your rounds with?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES So what was the purpose of the rounds?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Were the nurses on the ward, would they accompany you and have any input into the rounds?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES How often did the consultants conduct their rounds?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES In what way did the consultant rounds differ from yours, if they did?

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BARTON No comment.

DC YATES So what did you understand a consultants responsibilities to be?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES In relation to the pharmacy, what pharmaceutical training had you received whilst you were working at the hospital?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES How would you know what drugs to prescribe to a patient?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES How would you learn about new drugs that were available for administration?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES How did the pharmacy at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital work in relation to the availability and suitability of medicines and drugs?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES How many pharmacists worked at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital in 1999?

BARTON No comment.

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- DC YATES                      What is the BNF?
- BARTON                        No comment.
- DC YATES                      What is its purpose?
- BARTON                        No comment.
- DC YATES                      How often would you refer to the BNF?
- BARTON                        No comment.
- DC YATES                      What was the purpose of the Wessex Protocols in relation to prescribing medicines to patients?
- BARTON                        No comment.
- DC YATES                      While we're talking about prescribing medicines, what's the difference between once only drugs and as required drugs ...
- BARTON                        No comment.
- DC YATES                      ... regular drugs? Why are ranges of drugs prescribed for patients?
- BARTON                        No comment.
- DC YATES                      How should the prescription chart be completed?
- BARTON                        No comment.

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DC YATES                      Can you explain how a prescription chart is made up?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      Again from the prepared statement you've made mention about supervision and the fact you were overstretched, who actually supervised you?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      So what was the organisational set up of the hospital when you started work there in 1988?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      Where did you fit into this organisation?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      How was your work supervised on a day to day basis?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      Or even on a week to week basis?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      Were you given like a yearly appraisal or a performance assessment?

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BARTON No comment.

DC YATES If you were who would give you this?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES If there wasn't an appraisal system in the early years of when you were working there, when did it start?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Have you ever had an appraisal or a performance assessment while you were working at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES How was your , the contract, was it renewed every year?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Because if it was I was just wondering how it was renewed?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES So if you had problems either with patients or with the organisation at the hospital who would you refer to?

BARTON No comment.

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DC YATES                      And the same for help and support how, for your role in particular this is, how was that offered?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      What were your responsibilities towards the supervision of the nursing staff?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      Who supervised the work of the nurses?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      Who supervised the work of the sisters or the senior nurses?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      Where did Philip BEAD fit into the system?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      Were you responsible for any appraising, writing up of appraisals or supervising any staff?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      There was something called the named nurse what did you understand that role to be?

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BARTON No comment.

DC YATES With the drugs, the administration of drugs, who actually administers the prescribed drugs?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What training do the nurses the nursing staff have in the administration of drugs?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Can any level of nurse administer drugs?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES The drug registers, what is the, can you explain what the purpose of the drug registers are?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Or what has to be recorded in them?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Something that we've noticed, sometimes drugs are prescribed but not administered, why's that?

BARTON No comment.

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DC YATES                      And while we're talking about drugs there's certain drugs I'd like to ask you about as well and one of them is Fentanyl. What kind of drug is Fentanyl?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      When is it normally prescribed?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      What is it's purpose?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      Does it have any side effects for instance?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      What is a Fentanyl transdermal patch?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      And if it's a patch how would that differ from say a tablet or injection?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      What is your understanding of the analgesic ladder?

BARTON                         No comment.



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DC YATES With a Fentanyl patch how long does it take for that to become effective, with regards to pain relief that is?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES The term opiate naive what does that mean to you?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What are the side effects of opioids in the elderly?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES There's another drug called chlorpromazine I will struggle with the pronunciation of some of these drugs but what is the purpose of chlorpromazine?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What is an anti psychotic drug?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What's Midazolom?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES And why would Midazolom be used?

BARTON No comment.

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DC YATES                      So how would you know exactly how much Midazolam to prescribe?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      Would you expect to see an entry in the notes as to the justification for this drug being administered?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      What part did the Wessex Protocols play in the prescription of Midazolam, if they did?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      What is diamorphine?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      And why would diamorphine be used?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      What other kinds of analgesic are normally used prior to taking diamorphine?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      Where's diamorphine fit within the analgesic ladder?

BARTON                         No comment.

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DC YATES Is it normal practice then to prescribe diamorphine as a, as required, drug?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES How would you decide how much diamorphine to prescribe?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What, with the range of parameters for the administration of drug, what is the purpose of actually prescribing a range of parameters for the administration of drug, for example between 20 and 80 milligrams?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES And if that's been done how would the nurses know exactly where to start within this range?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Would you expect to see an entry in the notes as to the justification of this drug being administered?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES I mean what part did the Wessex Protocols play in the prescription of diamorphine?

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BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Now syringe drivers I understand there's several different makes and models. What, first of all what is a syringe driver?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES And why would it be used?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What kind of patients are suitable for the use of syringe driver?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Does anyone talk to the patients family regarding the use of a syringe driver?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Could you explain how a syringe driver actually works?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Who prepares the drugs for administration via a syringe driver?

BARTON No comment.

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DC YATES I think and I mentioned earlier, I mean I understand there's different styles and sizes why's that?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES More important what kind of syringe drivers have been used on the ward?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES During 1988 that would be.

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Is the use of a syringe driver a significant factor in the care of the patient?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES So what was the purpose of using a syringe driver?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Who actually makes the decision to start someone on a syringe driver?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Were there any policies on the ward as to how syringe drivers should be set up and monitored and maintained?

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BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Who was responsible for ensuring that the appropriate staff were trained in the operation of syringe drivers?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What rationale had to be in place before a syringe driver could be used?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What would be recorded in the notes about the rationale for using a syringe driver and who would record that?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES I would like to ask you some questions about death certificates if I may. What's the difference first of all between verification and certification of death?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES And so in what circumstances would it be acceptable, if that is the case for nurses to verify death?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What process was undertaken by a doctor in certifying a death?

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BARTON No comment.

DC YATES How is a death notified to the coroners office?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES You've made mention again in your statement about palliative care, what exactly does palliative care mean?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What's the difference between rehab and slow stream rehab, recuperative term or respite care, what's the differences between those?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES So who would make the decisions as to what kind of care a particular patient would receive?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Record keeping, what should be recorded in a patients medical notes ...

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES ... and by whom?

BARTON No comment.

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DC YATES                      What's the purpose of a care plan?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      Who would accept patients onto the wards?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      When would you actually get to see them?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      Were you responsible for the clerking?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      When would the consultant see the patient?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      When patients arrived at the hospital, Gosport War Memorial Hospital, were they then under the sole charge of you?

BARTON                         No comment.

DC YATES                      Who else was responsible for the patients?

BARTON                         No comment.



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DC YATES Is there a policy of any sort for the completion of notes and what should be in them?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES What is your understanding of the resuscitation policy, in particular relating to entries in patient notes?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES Your, talking about your supervision, were you happy with the level of supervision and training that you've been provided with in order to care for the patients there?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES If there were any deficiencies and they were lacking anyway what were they?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES If there were deficiencies how did you try to address that?

BARTON No comment.

DC YATES At the time of Mrs DEVINE's admission to the War Memorial Hospital did you have any concerns regarding your personal workload?

BARTON No comment.

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DC YATES                      How would you report whether you did have any concerns regarding staff or workload issues?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      What concerns did you have, if any, about the Gosport War Memorial Hospital in 1999?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      What training in respect of any issues whether they were medical or pharmaceutical, did you raise in 1999?

BARTON                        No comment.

DC YATES                      Geoff, got anything?

DC QUADE                     No.

DC YATES                      Right I've got no further questions that I'd like to ask you now, is there anything that you'd like to say?

BARKER                        No thank you Mr YATES.

DC YATES                      Doctor?

BARTON                        No thank you.

DC YATES                      Is there anything you wish to clarify or ...

BARKER                        No. I'm grateful.

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DC YATES                   ... Add, Geoff?

DC QUADE                   No.

DC YATES                   Right the time then is 1143 hours and we're turning the  
recorder off.