

Code A

Sir Liam has now received Professor Baker's proposal for undertaking the Gosport Review. He has drafted a reply which I will post out tomorrow. Copies will be sent to you. The final page of Professor Baker's proposal sets out the estimated cost of the audit. Sir Liam's letter to Professor Baker indicates that you will agree these with him. Please can you confirm that funding has been identified to cover this important project? Sir Liam is also keen that we do not fall foul of any rules for tendering. My recollection from the Toft review of the intrathecal injection error at Nottingham was that tendering was not necessary for any piece of work costing less than £50,000 Code A The Shipman audit was estimated at around £50,000 although I don't know what the final figure was). Please could you look into this and confirm that there is no problem with this angle?

Sir Liam has also spoken with the CE of Fareham and Gosport PCT (Ian Piper) to inform him of our plans to conduct this audit. Mr Piper is coming back with some further questions by email that Sir Liam will look at on his return from Canada on Thursday.

thanks very much



Mike Evans

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Subject: Gosport- GMC hearing- Dr Barton



For information:

Please see the attached note from Code A A discussion will be needed on the way forward on Code A return, when we will know how Richard Baker intends to take his review forward (and whether that may have implications for the GMC investigation) (- incidentally, Mr Baker did mention to me the potential difficulty of reviewing back to 1988 when Dr

Barton took up her post as clinical assistant at Gosport.)

Mike Evans



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IN CONFIDENCE

The Preliminary Proceedings Committee decided that a case should be prepared for the Professional Conduct Committee. This does not necessarily mean that there will be an hearing. The case has to be fully investigated and the prosecution case formulated.

The decision will be given to the doctor next week so this information is in confidence.

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