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Dear Mr Jewell

**Re: Gosport War Memorial Hospital
Dr Jane Barton
General Medical Council - Verdict**

I write with an important update.

As you are aware on Friday 29 January 2010 the independent Panel from the General Medical Council reached its conclusions about Dr Barton's actions. They found her guilty of serious professional misconduct, including but not limited to the following findings:

- issuing prescriptions for drugs at levels which were excessive to patients' needs and which were inappropriate, potentially hazardous and not in patients' best interests;
- issuing prescriptions for drugs with dose ranges that were too wide;
- issuing prescriptions where there was insufficient clinical justification;
- acts and omissions in relation to patient management including failure to conduct adequate assessments, examinations and/ or investigations and failure to assess properly patients' conditions before prescribing opiates;
- failure to consult colleagues where appropriate;
- failing to keep accurate, clear and contemporaneous notes.

The independent Panel however failed to strike Dr Barton off the Medical Register. We are of course shocked and surprised at such an inexplicable decision.

I write to let you know that I have written to the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence. The scrutiny officer, Rachael Martin, has acknowledged my complaint. She states that the CHRE will be considering the decision of the General Medical Council's fitness to practice panel of 29 January 2010 under Section 29 of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002. They have until 1 April 2010 to lodge any Appeal by the CHRE to the High Court.

I would be very grateful if you can sign the attached pro-forma in support of the appeal and return it to me as soon as possible in the enclosed prepaid envelope. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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