

We all make mistakes

Is it not time *The News* gave time and space to the voices of people who have reason to be grateful to Doctor Jane Barton?

Many people are condemning her but how many of them have led a totally blameless life, never made a single mistake?

I understand their sorrow and anguish at losing a loved one but I feel that when these people have experienced the pressures and responsibilities she has had to then perhaps they will be qualified to condemn her. They were not endeavouring to alleviate the pain and discomfort of an elderly patient.

Is it not possible the system is to blame, not the people trying to make it work?

I neither defend nor condemn Dr Barton, I merely think it is time for fairness in your coverage.

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... With regard to the General Medical Council (GMC) findings re Doctor Barton, I still maintain that she is an honest and trusting doctor, and will continue to be her patient without a doubt.

She has been missed at the surgery not only by me but her many other patients who cannot wait for her to return.

I wonder now if the culprits who were responsible for the disgusting graffiti that was painted on the wall outside Doctor Barton's home will be caught, named and shamed?

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... I was quite shocked that the GMC said that Dr Barton never showed enough care about her patients in 1999.

She was the only doctor there on a part-time basis as well as running her surgery in the town.

She must have been guided by the nursing staff (or the patients themselves if able) that the patients were in pain and had a bad day or night of discomfort.

But what about the good that she has done for her patients through her care and consideration?

I hope that in January when her case is reviewed that the GMC will