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Mr Charles Farthing

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Our ref: RC2/GML/00492-15579/10905494 v1 Your ref:

Rachel Cooper

Associate

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Dear Mr Farthing

General Medical Council - Dr Jane Barton Fitness to Practise Hearing 8 June to 21 August 2009

I write further in the above matter.

As you are aware the Fitness to Practise Panel, which is hearing the case of Dr Barton, gave its determination on facts on 20 August 2009. I enclose a copy of the Panel's determination, together with the charges, for your records.

You will note that the Panel made multiple findings that Dr Barton's conduct has been inappropriate, potentially hazardous and/or not in the best interests of Dr Barton's patients. In the circumstances, the Panel concluded that the facts found proved (both admitted and otherwise) would not be insufficient to support a finding of serious professional misconduct in respect of Dr Barton.

Following the Panel's determination, it was agreed that there was insufficient time left available, within the session, for the Panel to deal with the final stage of the hearing. Accordingly, the hearing has been adjourned to reconvene at a future date. At which time, the Panel will determine whether Dr Barton has been guilty of serious professional misconduct in respect of the facts that have been found proved and, if so, go on to consider whether or not any direction, regarding Dr Barton's registration, should be made.

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The date for the reconvened hearing is yet to be finalised. I will of course be in touch to let you know the date, as soon as it is known.



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