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Dear Mr Farthing

**General Medical Council - Dr Jane Barton**

I write to update you on the current position with our investigation. I would like to assure you that the investigation is proceeding and our team is working hard to progress the case.

Since the last time I wrote to you, the case has been provisionally listed for hearing. The hearing is due to take place at the GMC in London from 8 September 2008 for 8 weeks.

You will not be required to attend the whole hearing but the hearing is public so you may attend if you wish. If you are called as a witness then you will not be able to observe until after you have given evidence.

I have recently attended a conference in London with the barrister whom we have appointed. At the conference we discussed each of the patients who are currently the subject of the GMC investigation. I have also discussed the cases with a consultant geriatrician who may act as an expert in this case.

I plan to come to the Portsmouth area some time in early December to hopefully meet with you and the families of the other patients concerned. We hope this might be a good opportunity to explain the GMC procedures to you and answer some of your questions. It would be helpful if you could let me know any dates which would be unsuitable for you.

At present we are assessing the evidence for each patient and the strength of each case. As you are no doubt aware, the Police investigated a large number of cases. 13 of these are currently being investigated by the GMC. It may be that not all of these cases progress to the final hearing. It is important that the GMC prosecute the strongest cases with the best evidence. I will not be in a

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position to advise you on this until the end of the year but please be assured that I will keep you fully apprised of the situation as soon as I am able.

The main evidence we will use for the hearing will be the medical records and expert evidence. However, we may also wish to call witnesses such as yourself if you can provide further important evidence. I will be in touch in due course to advise if we do need to interview you further. We are in possession of all of the witness statements given to Hampshire Constabulary and it may be that you do not have much to add to these.

If you have any comment or questions about acting as a witness, or indeed anything else raised in this letter, then please do feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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for Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP