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Dr Jane Barton closer to being struck off after Gosport War Memorial allegations

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A doctor who prescribed "potentially hazardous" levels of drugs to elderly patients moved a step closer to being struck off today.

Dr Jane Barton faced a catalogue of allegations about her treatment of 12 patients at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital in Hampshire between January 1996 and November 1999.

At a General Medical Council hearing today, panel chairman Andrew Reid said: "The panel has made multiple findings that your conduct has been inappropriate, potentially hazardous and/or not in the best interests of your patients.

"It has concluded that the facts found proved (both admitted and otherwise) would not be insufficient to support a finding of serious professional misconduct."

After delivering its findings on the facts of the case, the chairman said the hearing would be adjourned to allow evidence to be heard in order to decide whether Dr Barton was guilty of serious professional misconduct.