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Department of Health has not instigated an independent inquiry into the misuse of the Liverpool Care Pathway to determine the number of patients affected.

The DOH's colleagues at the GMC have behaved in much the same way in other cases. To add salt to the wounds of those grieving, the GMC was last seen failing to strike off Dr Jane Barton leading us to question what the GMC's position really is on these matters.

"At one stage police examined 92 deaths, although no criminal charges were brought, and an inquest last year into ten of the 12 deaths concluded that five pensioners died after being given excessive doses of morphine. But Dr Barton remained free to practise, subject to restrictions on prescribing certain drugs, and has been working at the Forton Medical Centre in Gosport".

The leading authorities - the GMC and the DOH have been supine and in denial of the evidence presented to them. Both authorities have failed to act as a catalyst to change policy. This inaction can be seen to have taken place over 12 years. While they have spent extensive resources developing elaborate methods to discredit the whistleblower, this conduct of theirs has cost the lives of many vulnerable patients. Despite this disaster, there will be no accountability.

Dr Jane Barton has a extensive NHS pension. I was rewarded with no less than 50 lever arch files; having proven and vindicated myself over 12 years - there has been no justice for the patients who died. I am of course the first whistleblower who raised serious concerns with the relevant authorities as a junior doctor. Had the authorities acted on my concerns 12 years ago, many lives could have been saved. .

Finally, it is important to remember this quote by Martin Luther King "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter

Written in memory of those whose lives have been needlessly lost due to the catastrophic failure of NHS policy.

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