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DRAFT RESPONSE

Our ref: F12/5064/JM

Dear **Code A**

Thank you for your email of 20 November 2012 in which you requested information about Dr Jane Barton in connection with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I have answered each of your three original questions below in turn:

Since Dr Barton took voluntary erasure and then retirement please can the GMC confirm that Dr Jane Barton has not worked as a locum in the UK or abroad?

Dr Barton is no longer able to practise medicine in the UK having taken voluntary erasure from the medical register with effect from 9 March 2011. We hold no evidence to suggest that Dr Barton has worked either within the UK or abroad since this time.

Have the GMC enlightened other countries/health authorities that Dr Jane Barton is at risk treating patients?

The GMC produces monthly decision circulars. These circulars, which include information about doctors who have been the subject of fitness to practise action or have taken voluntary erasure, are provided to a range of UK bodies and international regulators via email. Dr Barton's name has been included within these circulars on three separate occasions during 2010 and 2011.

When was the last correspondence that the GMC had with Dr Jane Barton or her legal team?

The GMC last corresponded with Dr Barton on 9 March 2011. This was to confirm, in writing, that we had accepted her application for voluntary erasure.

I hope the above information is useful to you.

If you have any queries regarding the handling of your FOIA request please contact Julian Graves, Information Access Manager or **Code A**

Yours sincerely

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