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From: Julian Graves Code A
Sent: 24 February 2011 11:51
To: Code A
Subject: FW: For information only: Dr Jane Barton coverage

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To go with the Gillian Mackenzie request – we'd better make it high-profile please.

Thanks

Julian

From: Code A
Sent: 24 February 2011 11:49
To: Julian Graves Code A
Subject: FW: For information only: Dr Jane Barton coverage

Hi Julian,

As discussed,

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From: Code A
Sent: 07 February 2011 09:27
To: Ben Jones Code A Rachael Bruce Code A
Cc: Press Office Team
Subject: For information only: Dr Jane Barton coverage

Dear Ben and Rachael,

For info, the coverage about Dr Barton's VE application is pretty sensible so far, and I'm pleased to see no attribution of the background to a GMC spokesperson:

http://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/local/east-hampshire/doctor_asks_to_be_removed_from_register_1_2383734

The article is copied below.

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Doctor asks to be removed from register

THE doctor at the centre of an inquiry into patients' deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital has asked to be removed from the medical register.

Dr Jane Barton has applied to the General Medical Council (GMC) to have her name removed from the register, which would mean she would no longer be able to practise as a GP in the UK.

It comes after a GMC hearing last year found she prescribed 'excessive' drugs to elderly patients but decided not to remove her from the register and instead placed conditions on her licence. Relatives of patients who died at the hospital under Dr Barton's care have since been asked to give their views on her asking to be removed from the register.

But families are confused about why the GP, who last year retired from Forton Medical Centre in Gosport, has chosen to make the request now.

Iain Wilson, whose 74-year-old father Robert died at the hospital in 1998, said: 'It's very strange – why has she done this out of the blue? Why couldn't she have done it before?

'Of course I'm pleased that she's doing this, she's doing what the GMC should have done a long time ago.

'I'm concerned as to her reasons though.'

Gillian MacKenzie, whose 91-year-old mother Gladys Richards died at the hospital in 1998, said: 'Of course they should remove her. She probably hopes this will earn her some brownie points.'

The GMC has to decide whether or not Dr Barton should be removed from the register – which doctors have to pay hundreds of pounds to be on.

But Mr Wilson said: 'What concerns me is that it would only mean she can't practise in the UK, but she would be free to practise in other countries.

'Maybe that's her plan, to go elsewhere.'

From: Ben Jones [Code A]
Sent: 04 February 2011 17:13
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Cc: Rachael Bruce [Code A]
Subject: RE: Dr Jane Barton

Thanks

From: [Code A]
Sent: 04 February 2011 14:42
To: Ben Jones [Code A]
Cc: Rachael Bruce [Code A]
Subject: VE: Dr Jane Barton

Hi Ben,

As expected, the relatives in the case of Dr Barton have contacted their local media (the Portsmouth News for one) and the Independent on Sunday to let them know about Dr Barton's application for VE.

Whilst I am not confirming the application, I have given them some background about the process and will be letting the IOS know that applications in this instance – without confirming what is happening – would be considered by a medical and lay case examiner.

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