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Fitness to Practise hearing of Dr Jane Barton

Further to my letter of 11 May 2009, I am writing to update you on the Fitness to Practise hearing of Dr Jane Barton. Yesterday the Panel announced its findings on the facts. It made multiple findings that Dr Barton's conduct has been inappropriate, potentially hazardous and/or not in the best interests of her patients. It concluded that the facts found proved would not be insufficient to support a finding of serious professional misconduct.

The session was due to end today and in light of the Panel's findings, the Panel and both parties agreed to adjourn the case part-heard and to resume as soon as possible. When the case resumes the Panel will consider whether Dr Barton is guilty of serious professional misconduct and if so, what, if any sanction to impose on/in relation to her registration.

I will contact you when the new dates have been announced. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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