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Mr Charles Farthing

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Dear Mr Farthing

Re: Dr Jane Barton

I refer to the Fitness to Practise Panel hearing for Dr Jane Barton which concluded in January 2010.

Dr Barton's case has now passed to the Case Review Team following the determination of the Fitness to Practise Panel. I am a member of the Case Review Team with responsibility for monitoring and managing Dr Barton's compliance with the conditions imposed on her registration.

I now write to inform you that Dr Barton has applied to have her name removed from the Register. If we grant her application, it would mean that Dr Barton would not be able to practise medicine in the UK.

Dr Barton's application to have her name removed from the Register will be considered by a medical and a lay case examiner. I enclose a copy of the guidance which explains the factors that the case examiners should take into account, when considering the application.

I am writing to give you an opportunity to let us have your views regarding Dr Barton's application to have her name removed from the register. If you wish to comment could you please let us have your comments by **15 February 2011**. If you do comment, your observations will be considered by the case examiners when they consider Dr Barton's application.

If Dr Barton made a subsequent application for restoration to the Register, the application would be referred to the case examiners for consideration. At that point, any previous evidence about her fitness to practise would be taken into account and a further investigation may be initiated before any decision is made in respect of her restoration application.

Yours sincerely

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Enc: Guidance for decision makers on dealing with Voluntary Erasure applications