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Dear Mr Barker

Re: General Medical Council – v – Dr Jane Barton

Thank you for your letter of 10 December 2009, which was also received by email.

I note your comments regarding the wording used in the statement, however, I should refer you to the determination which was given at the most recent sitting of the IOP in relation to Dr Barton. At the hearing on 12 November 2009, the Panel concluded that it continued '*to be necessary for the protection of members of the public, in the public interest and in the doctor's own interests*' for her registration to remain subject to the relevant unvaried conditions.

The GMC therefore considers that the order is necessary on the above-mentioned grounds. I apologise for any confusion caused by the wording of the previously enclosed statement, and I refer you Section 41A of the Medical Act 1983 (as amended) which provides specifically for the IOP.

Further to my previous correspondence, this matter has now been listed for hearing on 8 January 2010 at Manchester Civil Justice Centre.

As already stated, if you are in a position to deal with this application by consent, please sign and return the enclosed Consent Order to me. I shall then file the Consent Order with the court and ask them to vacate the upcoming hearing.

If a hearing can be avoided, your client will not be at risk of having to pay any costs.

If the matter has to be dealt with by way of a hearing, the GMC will seek to recover from your client the costs incurred by it for the hearing including the instruction of Counsel.

If you require any further information or wish to discuss this please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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