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Dear Code A

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

Thank you for your email of 2 March 2011 in which you request information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

With respect to your question at point 1, I refer you to Mr Graves' response of 23 March 2011 which provided an internal review in respect of your original request for the number of complaints received by the GMC regarding Professor Bulstrode's non-declaration of conflict of interests regarding his sister Dr Jane Barton.

You also enquire whether Professor Bulstrode sat at Council meetings at which GMC policies regarding "end of life issues" were discussed. Copies of Council agendas and papers are available on our website. These detail the matters considered at each meeting and the members present. Therefore in respect of this specific request we believe the following exemption listed in the FOIA applies

Section 21 – Information reasonably accessible by other means. As explained previously the information you require is available through our website. The relevant website address is <http://www.gmc-uk.org/about/council.asp>

This exemption is absolute, which means that it is not subject to a public interest test (in order to assess if the public interest is greater served by disclosing the information than maintaining the exemption).

Finally, please find attached transcripts of Council meetings at which Professor Bulstrode made a contribution. Rather than sending you the entire Council transcription for each meeting I have provided extracts from the main transcripts for each agenda item under which Professor Bulstrode made a contribution. I trust this is acceptable.

You have the right of appeal against the refusal aspect of this decision. If you wish to appeal please set out in writing your grounds, and send to Julian Graves, Information Access Manager, at the address below. Alternatively you can email Code A

You also have the right of appeal to the Information Commissioner. If appropriate, Code A
Graves will provide the relevant contact details.

Yours sincerely

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