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RED TOP CORRESPONDENCE**STANDARDS AND FITNESS TO PRACTISE DIRECTORATE**Assignee: *Tim Cox-Brown*Section: *Case Review*Date: *17-02-11.*

DO Reference:	<i>201-126</i>	
DO SR:	<i>SR1-387978987.</i>	
OCCE Reference:	<i>NIA</i>	
Complaint Reference(s):	<i>CI-312069800</i>	
Correspondent's Name:	<i>Ms Gillian Mackenzie</i>	UID:
Doctor(s) concerned:	<i>Dr Jane Barton</i>	UID: <i>1587920</i>
Subject:	<i>Re correspondence re Dr Barton's application for V.E.</i>	

Action Required:

- Acknowledge
 Reply direct
 Draft reply for:
 - AD / HoS
 - DCE / Director – Paul Philip
 - Chief Executive – Niall Dickson
 - Chair – Peter Rubin Provide Case Summary

Deadline:*25-02-11.***Notes:***I1-312069796**CI-312069800 - reopened, stage Case Review**-10***Code A***23/02 - Reply sent TCB.*

Code A

From: Code A
Sent: 17 February 2011 11:47
To: Blake Dobson Code A Tim Cox-Brown Code A
Subject: Red Top 2011-126: Gillian MacKenzie re Dr Jane Barton

Hi Blake / Tim

Red Top 2011-126 / DO SR1- 387978987; deadline 25/02/11

Please see the email trail below from Mrs Gillian Mackenzie who has forwarded her correspondence to Niall Dickson following communications with Code A regarding the case of Dr Jane Barton (C1-312069800) and Dr Barton's application for VE.

Please can you arrange a response to Mrs Mackenzie? (I've suggested a relatively short deadline due to the delay in receiving the correspondence from OCCE.)

Tim – I've put the SR in your name.

Thanks

Code A

From: Code A
Sent: 17 February 2011 09:34
To: Paul Philip Code A
Cc: Code A Christine Couchman Code A
 Christine Payne Code A Jusna Khanum Code A; Ben Jones Code A
Subject: For action – Correspondence from Gillian MacKenzie re: Dr Jane Barton

Dear Paul

Please see below email correspondence received in OCCE from Ms Gillian Mackenzie about the exchanges she has been having with Code A, Investigations Officer regarding the application by Dr Jane Barton to remove her name from the medical register.

Please review and arrange a response as considered appropriate.

Thanks

Code A

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Sent: 04 February 2011 12:21
To: 'gmc@gmc-uk.org'
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Sent: 02 February 2011 17:30
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Dear Mrs Mackenzie

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Your observations will be considered by the case examiners when they consider Dr Barton's application. Once the case examiners have made a decision, I will write again and inform you of the outcome.

As regards your query re the inquest, the GMC would not be involved in making the arrangements for the inquest, so I am unable to comment further.

Regards

Code A

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Code A

From: Tim Cox-Brown [Code A]
Sent: 23 February 2011 16:33
To: [Code A]
Subject: Dr Jane Barton

Dear Mrs Mackenzie

I am writing further to your email correspondence below, which has been passed to me for consideration in my role as Case Review Manager.

Your comments have been noted, and we will ensure that they are passed to the Case Examiners when they consider Dr Barton's application to have her named removed from the medical register. As [Code A] has explained, we will write to you with the outcome of that decision, as soon as it has been made.

Yours sincerely

Tim Cox-Brown
Case Review Manager
Standards & Fitness to Practise Directorate

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