

**From:** Ellson, Sarah [Code A]  
**Sent:** 15 May 2008 09:24  
**To:** [Code A]  
**Cc:** Tom Kark; [Code A]  
**Subject:** FW: BBC NEWS | England | Hospital deaths inquests open

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**Sarah Ellson | Partner**

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**Subject:** BBC NEWS | England | Hospital deaths inquests open

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Tamsin

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**Sent:** 15 May 2008 11:42  
**To:** [Code A]  
**Subject:** FW: Inquest granted into deaths of ten elderly patients at hospital investigated by police | the Daily Mail

[Daily Mail article](#)

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**Sent:** 15 May 2008 11:34  
**To:** [Code A]  
**Cc:** [Code A]  
 Marianne Webb [Code A]; Jo Wren [Code A]  
**Subject:** RE: Dr Jane Barton

Hi [Code A]

We've no record of speaking to anyone at the Daily Mail about this case and we would never give the kind of information that the article claims we did. Do you have a date for the article? The Daily Mail site keeps crashing on me and I couldn't find the article in today's paper. Once I have a full copy of the article we can follow-up with the paper.

Many thanks

Stephanie

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**From:** GMC Pressoffice  
**Sent:** 15 May 2008 11:14  
**To:** Jo Wren [Code A]; Stephanie McNamara [Code A]  
**Cc:** [Code A]; Marianne Webb [Code A]  
**Subject:** FW: Dr Jane Barton  
**Importance:** High

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**Sent:** 15 May 2008 09:46  
**To:** GMC Pressoffice  
**Subject:** Dr Jane Barton  
**Importance:** High

Hello,

Our Solicitor has informed me that this article has appeared in the Daily Mail;

'Dr Jane Barton, who was in charge of day-to-day treatment of some elderly at the 108-bed hospital until July 2002, was referred to the General Medical Council in September of the same year. The GMC confirmed there was never any action taken against Dr Barton and said she was still practising, but refused to say where. "

To clarify allegations concerning Dr Barton's care of patients at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital are currently due to be considered by a FTP on 8 September 2008 and the hearing is expected to last for 39 days.

The background to the case is that in August 2002 the PPC referred five cases concerning Dr Barton to the PCC for consideration. These cases were subsequently placed on hold due to a police investigation into Dr Barton. The Police investigation concluded in December 2006 as the CPS decided that there was insufficient evidence to prosecute.

Since the police investigation concluded we have reviewed their evidence and the cases referred to above and additional ones will be considered by the FTP in September.

Also we have been notified recently that there is to be an Inquest in the deaths of patients at the Hospital, although a date for this has not been fixed yet.

Let me know if you require any further information, although as you are no doubt aware most of this information is not for public consumption.

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**Sent:** 22 May 2008 17:23  
**To:** Rebecca Faulkner [Code A] Hall,  
 Tamsin  
**Cc:** [Code A]  
**Subject:** RE: Dr Barton Further Stage 5

Dear All

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**Cc:** [Code A]  
**Subject:** Dr Barton Further Stage 5 (22 April 08)

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Rebecca

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**From:** Ellson, Sarah [Code A]  
**Sent:** 23 May 2008 17:29  
**To:** [Code A]  
**Cc:** Peter Swain [Code A]; Tom Kark;  
[Code A] Watson, Adele; Hall, Tamsin;  
Lohn, Matthew  
**Subject:** Barton and Inquests

Dear [Code A]

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**Sent:** 27 May 2008 12:13  
**To:** [Code A]  
**Subject:** Dr Barton

Sarah,

I have checked with our Adjudication Section and currently there is no availability to extend the hearing by two weeks.

However they have advised:

- A. They could move two hearings in London to accommodate the hearing going past 31 October for two weeks.
- B. Alternatively they have space in February now so that the hearing could commence in September and then re-convene in February.

I will need to discuss with Peter the Inquest and these options when he returns from leave.

[Code A]



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**Sent:** 27 May 2008 11:25  
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Dear Sarah

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**Sent:** 29 May 2008 09:13  
**To:** Rebecca Faulkner [Code A]; Barker, Ian; Hall, Tamsin  
**Cc:** [Code A]  
**Subject:** RE: Dr Barton Further Stage 5

3pm on 10 June is fine thanks to everyone for rearranging at my request

**Sarah Ellson | Partner**

for Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP

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**From:** Rebecca Faulkner [Code A]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2008 9:10 AM  
**To:** Ellson, Sarah; Barker, Ian; Hall, Tamsin  
**Cc:** [Code A]  
**Subject:** RE: Dr Barton Further Stage 5

Hi All,

Unfortunately the 2pm slot is no longer available - but we have a slot at 3pm instead. Unless I hear from you to the contrary I will assume that this is okay, and book this slot.

Thanks,  
Rebecca

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**Sent:** 27 May 2008 13:04  
**To:** Rebecca Faulkner [Code A]; Barker, Ian; Hall, Tamsin  
**Cc:** [Code A]  
**Subject:** RE: Dr Barton Further Stage 5

I can do any time on 10 June.

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Hi all

Further to Ian's message below, could everyone please be available on 10 June at either 2 or 3pm ?

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Rebecca

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Dear Rebecca

Thanks for the message. Unfortunately, I will be out at Court all day on 6th June. It may be easier the following week. My only commitments then are for 9th June between 10.00 and 1.00, and 13th June between 9.00 and 3.00.

Best wishes

Ian

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Hello,

Thank you for the below updates. Unfortunately we do not have the capacity to hold a later telecon on 5 June, but I can suggest instead 6 June at any of the below times :

10am  
11am  
2pm  
3pm

I would be grateful if you could let me know the most suitable ?

Regards,  
Rebecca

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**Sent:** 28 May 2008 15:50  
**To:** Tom Kark; [Code A]  
**Cc:** Watson, Adele; [Code A] Hall, Tamsin  
**Subject:** Barton cases

Dear All

[Redacted content]

I hope this assists.

**Sarah Ellson | Partner**  
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dd: [Code A] | m: [Code A]

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**From:** Ellson, Sarah [Code A]  
**Sent:** 19 May 2008 18:34  
**To:** [Code A]; Peter Swain [Code A]  
**Cc:** Timms, Mary  
**Subject:** Dr Barton

**Importance:** High

[Code A] Peter

I know you will be seeing Mary tomorrow for case review.

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**From:** Ellson, Sarah [Code A]  
**Sent:** 21 May 2008 15:39  
**To:** [Code A]  
**Cc:** Peter Swain [Code A]; Watson, Adele; Hall, Tamsin  
**Subject:** RE: Dr Barton  
**Attachments:** DOCS\_7529562\_1.DOC

Dear [Code A]

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**From:** Ellson, Sarah  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2008 6:34 PM  
**To:** [Code A]; GMC - Peter Swain (3582)  
**Cc:** Timms, Mary  
**Subject:** Dr Barton  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Ellson, Sarah [Code A]  
**Sent:** 29 May 2008 12:22  
**To:** [Code A]  
**Cc:** Watson, Adele; Hall, Tamsin  
**Subject:** Barton - checklist for Peter  
**Attachments:** FW: Op Rochester

Dear [Code A]

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**From:** Watson, Adele [Code A]  
**Sent:** 19 May 2008 10:15  
**To:** Ellson, Sarah; Hall, Tamsin  
**Subject:** FW: Op Rochester  
**Attachments:** New Message for - with e-mail doc111.doc

Hi Sarah/Tamsin

Please see attached.

Adele

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**From:** [roy.stephenson](#) [Code A]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 19, 2008 9:43 AM  
**To:** Watson, Adele  
**Subject:** Op Rochester

Hi Adele

The Portsmouth coroner opened the inquests last week which generated some media interest and the below message from a Hazel Littleproud she has some generic information about GWM Hospital. I don't know whether she could be any use to your investigation but I stated that I would pass her details onto you and she would be happy to talk to you if required.

Thanks

Roy Stephenson

[Code A]

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**From:** FORCE ENQUIRY CENTRE Mailbox  
**Sent:** 15 May 2008 14:22  
**To:** Stephenson, Roy  
**Subject:** JW FOR DS [Code A] STEPHENSON FROM HAZEL LITTLEPROUD

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<b>TEL NO : for return call and available time</b>	
<b>EMAIL ADDRESS</b>	
<b>MESSAGE : -</b>	<p>CALL INTO FEC- AS PER CONVERSATION- MANY THANKS:</p> <p>INFT WISHSES TO SPEAK WITH AN OFFICER THAT HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE RE-OPENED INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATHS AT THE GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN LATE 1990'S</p> <p>INFT HEARD THE NEWS APPEAL THAT THEY HAD DECIDED TO RE-OPEN- INFT WORKED AT THE HOSPITAL BETW 1993-1994 AS A NURSING AUXHILARY-</p> <p>HAVING READ THE REPORT- SHE FEELS IT IS HER DUTY TO TELL POLICE WHAT SHE SAW</p> <p>ADVISES MANY OF THE PROCEDURES THAT SHE WITNESSED WERE QUESTIONABLE AND SHE ADVISES SHE LEFT HER EMPLOYMENT THERE BECAUSE OF THESE PROCEDURES</p> <p>CAN CONTACT PLEASE BE MADE TO DISCUSS FURTHER</p> <p>MANY THANKS</p>
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**From:** [Code A]  
**Sent:** 02 June 2008 16:51  
**To:** [Code A]  
**Subject:** Call from Mrs Mackenzie 2.6.08  
**Attachments:** Call from Mrs Mackenzie 2.6.08.doc

Sarah,

I attach a note of my telephone conversation with Mrs Mackenzie today.

I would be grateful if you would let me know what steps will be take to address Mrs MacKenzie's concerns about her witness statement.

Also is there are comment that we can make about the Matthew Lohn issue?

With thanks

[Code A]

### **Note of telephone conversation with Gillian Mackenzie**

The contact centre transferred a telephone call from Gillian Mackenzie the daughter of the late Gladys Richards to me.

Mrs Mackenzie informed me that Sarah Ellson's secretary had advised her that Mike Hudspith is dealing with this case, I advised Mrs Mackenzie that I was dealing with the case and I had spoken to her last year around the time that the case had been transferred from Paul Hylton to me.

Mrs Mackenzie advised that she had concerns about a witness statement that FFW had asked her to sign. She explained that Tamsin Hall had come to see her on 19 February 2008 to take a statement and was now on sick leave. She further explained that Sarah Ellson had sent her the witness statement for signature on 7 May 2008. Mrs Mackenzie informed me that she was not prepared to sign the witness statement as it is fictitious, contains many errors, is out of order and not logical. Further, the statement refers to enclosures that she has not seen. She considers that someone should come to see her again so that the statement can be re-done.

Mrs Mackenzie is also concerned about the delay in time between FFW taking a statement from her and sending the statement to her for signature.

Mrs Mackenzie expressed concern that the GMC case is going to be considered before the FTP case. She informed me that she asked David Horsley why her mother's case was not going to be included in the Inquest and his view is, if you don't like it take me to the High Court, which she considered to be unsatisfactory.

Mrs Mackenzie also informed that she is of the view that the police had lied in the CHI report.

Mrs Mackenzie informed me that she had asked Sarah's secretary to tape record their telephone conversation this morning so that Sarah will be aware of her concerns. The secretary confirmed that the conversation was being taped. I advised Mrs Mackenzie that Sarah was currently out of the country and expected back on Thursday and I would also discuss this matter with her. I also gave Mrs Mackenzie my direct telephone number.

A few minutes later Mrs Mackenzie rang me again. She advised that she knew I wouldn't be able to comment but wanted to let me know that someone had informed her that when Matthew Lohn was assisting with the police investigation he would not sign off the case as finished. Before I could make any comment, Mrs Mackenzie thanked me and terminated the call.

Code A

2 June 2008



**From:** [Code A]  
**Sent:** 04 June 2008 11:56  
**To:** 'Ellson, Sarah'  
**Subject:** RE: Barton - checklist for Peter

Sarah,

I have now discussed your email with Peter and will reply in accordance with your numbering:

1. Peter does not consider that we require any further legal advice he is of the view that the FTPP hearing should ahead but he will seek confirmation from Paul Phillip, in the interim we should precede on the basis that the hearing is going ahead.
2. Peter is of the view that we should try and extend the current listing by two weeks, do you know if this will pose any any problems for the defence before I request an extension from Adjudication?
3. Peter considers that the issue of witnesses is a matter for Counsel but he agrees with Counsel's suggestions that Dr Lord doesn't need to attend but that Dr Reid should attend on the basis that he has evidence that may assist the Panel.
4. It's fine for you to liaise with the NMC and request information from them.
5. Peter is of the view that we should ascertain if the witness has any relevant information.

### Chronology

If you or Tamsin have done a chronology for this case, I would be grateful if you would send it to me, it doesn't matter if it is not currently up to date.

[Code A]

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**Sent:** 04 June 2008 18:38  
**To:** Fiona McQueen [Code A]  
**Subject:** Dr Barton

Hello Fiona,

This case is currently listed from 8 September to 31 October 2008.

I discussed with Adjudication last week that we may need to extend the hearing by two weeks and I was advised that if we extended the current hearing by two weeks it would involve moving two other cases, alternatively we could reserve some space in February so that the hearing could go part heard.

I discussed this with Peter and he is favour of extending the current hearing by two weeks, although he appreciates that it will have an impact on other cases.

There is a telecon for this case next Wednesday and we intend subject to any comments by you to request the extension at that time.

[Code A]