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Thanks for email - please see attached letter

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### Dear Sarah

Re our discussion last night you will know be in possession of my E mail address. Could you please let me know of the case's that the GMC are going to proceed with so that I can inform the relevant 'experts' the fact that there reports are to be disclosed and to forewarn them that you maybe in touch. If you have any queries please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Sarah Ellson

Code A (Direct Dial)

10 August 2007

Dear DS Stephenson

#### **General Medical Council - Dr Barton**

I write further to my earlier letter, thank you for your call on 1 August and your email sent on 2 August.

We met with the GMC on 3 August and discussed the cases we are likely to be pursuing although a final decision may only be made once we have instructed Counsel and are finalising our charges. At present the GMC investigation includes the following cases:

- 1. Eva Page
- 2. Alice Wilkie
- 3. Gladys Richards
- 4. Arthur Cunningham
- 5. Robert Wilson

These cases were referred forward by a Preliminary Proceedings Committee in July 2002 after the police sent the reports of Professor Ford and Dr Mundy to the GMC. With the provision of additional material more recently the GMC are considering adding all the cases which were classed as category three by the police, therefore we may add:

- 6. Code A
- 7. Elsie Lavender
- 8. Ruby Lake

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- 9. Enid Spurgin
- 10. Elsie Devine
- 11. Helena Service
- 12. Sheila Gregory
- 13. Geoffrey Packman

We have been particularly impressed with the reports prepared by Dr Wilcock and anticipate that we will approach him to assist us with the GMC case. (We may also approach other of the experts but do not expect to need to use multiple experts in this case.) The other experts in this case were Dr Mundy, Professor Ford, Professor Livesley, Professor Baker, Dr Black, Dr Gillespie, Dr Redfern, Dr Petch and Dr Marshall.

You indicate that as a courtesy you would like to inform the relevant experts that their reports have been passed to us and that, in accordance with our rules of evidence we must disclose these to Dr Barton's solicitors for the GMC case. I am being pressed by them to disclose this material by the end of August so it would be helpful if you could let me know when you have been able to contact the experts if you need to do this first.

As I trust Eversheds explained, we are obliged to disclose to Dr Barton's legal team copies of everything you have provided to the GMC's solicitors to date (should they want copies). This includes witness statements and all other material. Please let me know if this creates any difficulties.

It may also be that we identify additional documents that we may need the police to provide. At present (although my colleague is re-checking the files) I have not located a copy of Dr Gillespie's report in the case of Lavender.

Also we have had enquiries from two families that currently fall outside our proposed cases. These are Mr Stevens inquiring about his wife's case (JEAN STEVENS) and Mr Wilson inquiring about his mother's case Code A The GMC may have to respond to their inquiries and explain why we are not proceeding with their cases (if that is the case). It is possible that we may need to ask the police for more information about these cases which were not category three cases, in order to do this.

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I will be in touch again if we need any further information. I look forward to receiving confirmation from you so we may release the expert material.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Ellson for Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP

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