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Mrs M Jackson

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ATTENTION OF:-**Code A**

Dear Mrs Jackson

**Dr Jane Barton (1587920)**

I write further to your previous correspondence regarding Dr Barton.

I am now able to confirm that, in relation to the information received from Hampshire Constabulary relating to Mrs Wilkie's clinical care, a case against Dr Barton is scheduled to be considered on 29 - 30 August 2002 at a meeting of the Council's Preliminary Proceedings Committee. It will be for that Committee to decide whether the doctor should be referred to the Professional Conduct Committee on a charge of serious professional misconduct.

Should the Committee decide that the case raises no issue of serious professional misconduct, they may conclude the matter by issuing a warning or advisory letter to the doctor about her future conduct, or decide to take no action. Please note that the relevant Trusts and Health Authorities have also been notified. We will write to you again after the Committee meeting to inform you of our decision.

As the Council's deliberations at this stage of our procedures is private, I would ask you not to disclose this information to any other persons.

Yours sincerely,

**Code A**

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