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Dear Mr Wilson

Dr Jane Barton (1587920)

I write further to your previous letters of 18 May and 30 June 2002. I apologise for the delay in responding and for the apparently false information you were given when you telephoned this office.

I should begin by explaining that that GMC only has jurisdiction over doctors. We are therefore unable to consider a complaint about Sister Hamblin. Should you wish to pursue a complaint about Sister Hamblin you should write to the Nursing and Midwifery Council at 23 Portland Place London W1B 1PZ.

As you are aware, following the conclusion of their investigation, Hampshire Constabulary forwarded their case papers to the GMC for us to consider whether action under our fitness to practise procedures was warranted against any individual doctors.

I am now able to confirm that, in relation to the information relating to Mr Wilson'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.

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