

Your reference:

Our reference: 2002/1345

9 October 2002

First Class Post

Mrs R Carby

Code A

GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL

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Dear Mrs Carby

I write further to our previous correspondence concerning your complaint about the standard of care afforded to your late husband, **Code A** whilst a patient at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. Please accept my apologies for the delay in updating you on our consideration of this matter.

You may be aware that, in August, the Council's Preliminary Proceedings Committee (PPC) considered information relating to Dr Barton's management of a number of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital in the late 1990s. The PPC decided that the information raised issues about Dr Barton's fitness to practise as a doctor. Accordingly, the Committee decided that a charge should be formulated against Dr Barton and that the Professional Conduct Committee should hold a public inquiry

At first sight, the issues you raise in your complaint appear similar to those already considered by the PPC; in particular the manner and levels of prescribing. Therefore we intend passing your complaint directly to our solicitors who are preparing our case for the Professional Conduct Committee hearing. Our solicitors will assess your complaint to establish whether we are able to add it to those matters already referred by the PPC.

We will write to you again when we have more information. In the meantime, responsibility for your complaint has passed to my colleague, Michael Keegan, who works in our Conduct Case Presentation Team. Should you have any questions arising from this letter please contact either myself or Mr Keegan.

Yours sincerely

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