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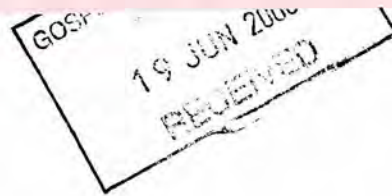
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Dear Althea

Thank you for your letter of 25 May regarding the situation with the cover for the Gosport Hospital now that Dr Barton is leaving the post.

You will recollect that initially Dr Barton applied for the full-time post of Clinical Assistant way back about 15 years ago when the post was much smaller with beds in Redcliffe Annexe, Northcott House and one or two in the old wards at the War Memorial. The practice offered to back her up with out-of-hours cover but the post was essentially Jane's and we had no formal contract with the hospital at that stage.

You will know that obviously with the development of the new hospital wards of Daedalus and Dryad and the closure of Northcott Annexe to the NHS and Redcliffe that the post has very much changed over the years both in the number and type of patients. The practice continued to support Jane in her interest with out-of-hours and holiday cover but a few years back the situation was further clarified with 2 contracts, one for daytime cover provided by Jane and one for out-of-ours cover provided by the practice.

Obviously now the situation has arisen that Jane has resigned from her post as Clinical Assistant and of course the practice therefore has no specific role in backing her up. However after considerable discussion the practice is very happy to carry on with the contracted post of out-of-hours cover which was negotiated over the past few years.

We understand that this would mean evening cover from approximately 5pm to 9am, weekend cover and bank holiday cover. However the practice feels unable to continue to provide holiday or sickness relief daytime cover to the wards bearing in mind the changing nature both of general practice and of the case mix in the wards.

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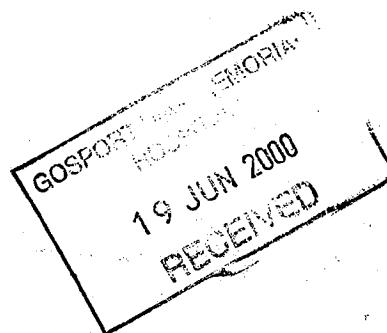
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We will of course honour our agreement to cover the ward from 3 July to 7 July as agreed but feel that from then on any daytime cover in either holiday or sickness situations should be performed by the Geriatric Department as we no longer have a specific daytime role in this field.

I hope this clarifies the practice's position regarding this work but if you have any queries I would be delighted to discuss it with you either by phone or by letter if more convenient.

Thanking you once again for your consideration in updating us as the situation has changed and resolved.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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