

NMC File Note

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Telephone call to Juliet St Bernard at the GMC.

She was away for the coroner's pre-meeting and so does not know what happened at it. The coroner contact is Mr A M Bradley, Assistant Deputy Coroner, Guildhall, Portsmouth.

The case against Dr Barton is under the old rules. She does not know if criminal or civil standard will apply.

She confirmed that the case against Dr Barton was initiated by five complaints from patient relatives. In addition to these, they will be looking at the 10 cases in police category 3 (only two of which overlap with the relative complaint cases).

I asked if she was aware of any cases where the GMC's decision to proceed under old or new rules had been challenged – she was not.

I explained that we have to deal with these issues because we may have to consider more than one registrant.