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Dear Mr Green

Code A

I enclose for your information a copy of correspondence, with listed enclosures, sent recently to the above named.

This matter will be considered by the Preliminary Proceedings Committee (PPC) on 11 and 12 April 2010. The committee will receive a copy of the enclosures sent to you but will have access to the following information:

A copy of the transcript of the proceedings relating to the GMC's fitness to practise proceedings concerning Dr Jane Barton.

The fitness to practise panel sat for 57 days, two days of which was given to reading. There are 55 days of proceedings transcribed, which can be made available to you by either email attachment or a hard copy can be sent.

A copy of the transcript of the proceedings relating to the Coroner's inquest relating to patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, held between 18 March and 20 April 2009.

There are 21 days of proceedings transcribed, which can be made available to you by either email attachment or a hard copy can be sent.

Information supplied by Hampshire Constabulary

You will see in the enclosed report (pages 3 and 4) that reference is made to the police supplying files to the NMC. There are approximately 185 box files, the contents of which are of differing sizes. It is open to the RCN to see the contents of the files, but it is not possible, due to the volume for them to be copied and sent out. A mutually convenient date could be met for you to view them in advance of the meeting.

Employment reference

As you know, the NMC met with Hampshire Community Health Care NHS Trust and Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust in December 2009 and January 2010 in order to obtain an employment reference for the PPC.

Despite our efforts, we have not received a reference for **Code A** The Trust has been informed of the date of the meeting and any further information we receive will be made available as soon as possible.

A copy of this letter will be sent to the above named. If I can be off any further assistance, please contact me on <u>Code A</u>

Yours sincerely



Enclosure(s) :

Copy of correspondence, 17 March 2010, with enclosures