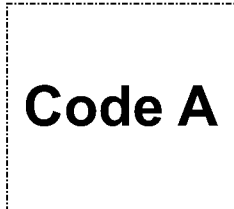


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Dear Mrs Bulbeck

Nursing Care at Gosport Memorial Hospital

Thank you for your letter of 19 June 2002.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Council's advisory document:
- *Complaints about professional conduct.*

In accordance with the Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors (Professional Conduct) Rules, 1993, this matter may be placed before the Preliminary Proceedings Committee of the Council.

The members will decide, on documentary evidence available to them, whether the matter should proceed to a hearing with a view to a practitioner's name being removed from the register. The Council can only consider allegations of misconduct against individual practitioners and not nursing care generally. Allegations must be specific incidents, must be witnessed directly and must be so serious as to constitute misconduct likely to lead to removal from the register.

To assist with your complaint I should be grateful if you would provide the following information:

Detailed witness statements to each incident
Names of individual nurses, if possible
Copies of any correspondence between yourself and the hospital

It is important you establish whether the witnesses who provide statements would, if necessary, be prepared to make formal statements to the Council's solicitors and to appear in person before the Professional Conduct Committee.



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Thank you for bringing this matter to the Council's attention and I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible or at least within the next 21 days.

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