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Dear Council Member,

The Media Relations & Public Affairs team was approached yesterday by a journalist on the Independent on Sunday (IoS) regarding nursing staff who worked at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Gosport, Hampshire.

You may already be aware of media coverage regarding ongoing proceedings by the General Medical Council (GMC) concerning Dr Jane Barton who is accused of serious professional misconduct in treating patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital in the 1990s.

The GMC hearing follows two police investigations into the treatment of patients at the hospital; the decision by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) that there was insufficient evidence to prosecute members of staff; an investigation by the former systems regulator, the Commission for Health Improvement (CHI) which criticised the hospitals lack of control in the prescription and use of diamorphine and; a jury inquest at Portsmouth Coroner's Court in April 2009 which found drugs including diamorphine to be a factor in the deaths of some patients.

The GMC has informed me that Dr Barton admitted to the majority of charges regarding inappropriate prescription and dosages of drugs. The GMC hearing is now expected to conclude earlier than the previously anticipated conclusion of August/September.

I have provided the attached statement to the IoS which I understand will be publishing a story on the GMC hearing on Sunday 28 June.

Should you be contacted by the media or any stakeholder regarding this issue, please use the attached statement or refer the individual to the Media Relations & Public Affairs Team on [Code A](#) in office hours or the out of hours number which is [Code A](#).

Regards,

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