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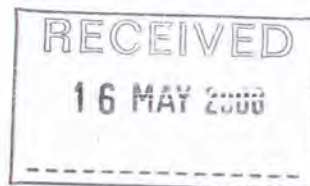
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Dear Mr Horsley

Gosport War Memorial Hospital Inquests - Dr Jane Barton

Thank you for your letter dated 13 May, and I am grateful for the information. Indeed, I understand from the significant publicity that the Inquests have indeed now been opened.

With reference to the further hearing for the Inquests, I note the observation that it is very unlikely they could take place earlier than the Autumn.

I am of course aware that you know of the forthcoming hearing at the General Medical Council which is due to take place between 8 September and 7 November.

Clearly it would not be possible for Dr Barton to attend at the GMC in the event that the Inquests might take place over that period in circumstances in which I anticipate you or indeed Mr Bradley would consider her to be an interested person for the purposes of the Inquests.

I would be most grateful if you or indeed Mr Bradley might be able to let me know if the present intention is indeed to ensure that the Inquests do not take place over the period of the GMC Hearing. Clearly, if that were not to be the case, I would envisage having to make application to the General Medical Council for that hearing to be vacated.

I look forward to hearing from you, and of course if I can assist in any way you or indeed Mr Bradley should not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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