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Dear all,

Please find attached a media alert in relation to a BBC Radio 4 discussion on the use of sedation in end-of-life care. The BBC researcher has asked us for comment on the GMC Hearing into Dr. Jane Barton's fitness to practice. He has said that it is likely that the case will be referenced during the discussion and he wanted to give us the opportunity to comment particularly around assurances that changes have been made.

I will shortly be forwarding a copy of the approved statement we prepared for the end of hearing to the researcher. The statement is as follows:

*NHS Hampshire fully supported the GMC hearing and will comply with the rulings of the Fitness to Practice Panel issued on Friday, January 29, 2010.*

*Dr Barton resigned as clinical assistant at Gosport War Memorial Hospital in 2000 but has continued to work locally as a General Practitioner. Since 2000 Dr Barton has agreed to voluntary restrictions on her prescribing practice while working as a GP and has complied fully. The restrictions were formalised by the GMC's Interim Orders Panel in 2008.*

*Since the late 1990s the systems and policies in place at Gosport War Memorial Hospital have undergone a complete overhaul. We can assure the families and local people that all the issues highlighted by the GMC hearing have been addressed and the care at Gosport War Memorial Hospital today is of the highest standard.*

Kind regards.

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