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Statement in relation to GMC ruling on Dr Jane Barton

Richard Samuel, Director of Performance and Standards, NHS Hampshire, said: I hope that the GMC hearing has provided further answers for the families and that today's ruling will bring this uncertainty to a close. I would like to offer my sympathy to the families concerned for the uncertainty they have experienced over many years

Dr Barton resigned from her post as clinical assistant at Gosport War Memorial Hospital in 2000 but has continued to work locally as a General Practitioner. She agreed to voluntary restrictions being placed on her prescribing practice in 2000, and since that date has complied fully with these. The restrictions were formalised by the GMC's Interim Orders Panel in 2008.

NHS Hampshire has fully co-operated with and supported the GMC hearing throughout its duration and will review its position and that of Dr Barton in line with the outcome of the GMC hearing, in accordance with the governing regulatory and legislative procedures. We will also be working to ensure that Dr Barton's existing patients can continue to access GP services as usual.

I would once again like to take this opportunity to remind the public that since the late 1990s the systems and policies in place at Gosport War Memorial Hospital have undergone a complete review and a significant number of changes have been made. I can assure the families and local people that all the matters and issues that have been considered in some depth by the Coroner and the GMC have been addressed and that the care at Gosport War Memorial Hospital today is of the highest standard.

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