



## Hampshire Community Health Care

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### Media Approaching Gosport War Memorial Hospital Staff about Reconvening of Dr Jane Barton Inquest

The Dr Jane Barton inquest is due to resume again on Monday (18<sup>th</sup> January), where the GMC fitness to practice panel which is considering the case will reconvene. They are planning that the first two days will be for reading only, with the first public session due to begin on Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup> January).

We have had significant press interest in the case so far, but there is a chance that you may be approached by journalists to provide comment on the case.

If you are approached at home or at work either in person or on the phone, please politely refer to the communications team:

- Vicky Wilson – Communications Manager, HCHC – 023 8087 4666 / **Code A**  
**Code A** or email **Code A**
- Elizabeth Harris – Communications Adviser, NHS Hampshire - 023 8062  
7461 / **Code A** or email **Code A**

**“Thank you for your interest – our communications team is managing media enquiries before and during the inquest proceedings and will be able to give you more information and arrange for you to speak or to interview the appropriate person.”**

The media are required to identify themselves to you and will have a press badge. They are not permitted to film on NHS premises without prior consent.

In the event of a media enquiry, notify your duty manager who will contact the relevant communications team. We are proactively managing media enquiries around to GWMH inquests and will co-ordinate responses to the media.

If you have any concerns about the media or any press interest, we are here to support you, so don't hesitate to contact us.

Out of hours communications support can be accessed by calling **Code A** for HCHC/ NHS Hampshire, or 023 9228 6000 for Portsmouth Hospitals Trust.

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