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Dear Mr Farthing

Dr Barton - Interim Orders Panel

As you will be aware from my previous correspondence with you the GMC Fitness to Practise Hearing previously scheduled to start in September 2008 has been postponed pending the outcome of the proposed Inquest.

The GMC therefore referred the matter to be considered by the Interim Orders Panel (IOP). Cases are referred to the Interim Orders Panel (IOP) where the doctor faces allegations of such a nature that it may be necessary for the doctor's registration to be restricted whilst the allegations are resolved, for the protection of members of the public or in the public interest or in the interests of the doctor.

As well as the protection of the public, the "public interest" includes preserving public trust in the profession and maintaining good standards of conduct and performance.

The IOP may make an order suspending a doctor's registration or imposing conditions upon a doctor's registration for a maximum period of 18 months. Alternatively, they may decide to take no action.

The IOP hearing in Dr Barton's case was heard on Friday 11 July 2008. The IOP decided to impose conditions on Dr Barton's registration. Details can be found on the internet at http://www.gmc-uk.org/concerns/hearings_and_decisions/fitness_to_practise_decisions.asp

In summary, the IOP placed a condition on Dr Barton that she 'must not prescribe diamorphine and must restrict her prescribing of diazepam in line with BNF guidance'. She must provide evidence that she has complied with this condition to the GMC. Her employers and any prospective employers will be informed of the restriction. The condition will be imposed on her registration for 18 months and will be reviewed within the next 6 months.

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Name	BARTON, Jane
Registration No.	Code A
Field of practice	Unknown
Place of practice	Unknown
Type of order	<p>The Panel determined to impose an order of conditions on Dr Barton's registration for a period of 18 months (until 10 January 2010). The conditions are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. She must notify the GMC promptly of any professional appointment she accepts for which registration with the GMC is required and provide the contact details of her employer and the PCT on whose Medical Performers List she is included. 2. She must allow the GMC to exchange information with her employer or any organisation for which she provides medical services. 3. She must inform the GMC of any formal disciplinary proceedings taken against her, from the date of this determination. 4. She must inform the GMC if she applies for medical employment outside the UK. 5. She must not prescribe diamorphine and must restrict her prescribing of diazepam in line with BNF guidance. 6. She must provide evidence of her compliance with condition number 5 to the GMC prior to any review hearing of this Panel. 7. She must inform the following parties that her registration is subject to the conditions, listed at (1) to (6), above: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any organisation or person employing or contracting with her to undertake medical work. b. Any locum agency or out-of-hours service she is registered with or applies to be registered with (at the time of application). c. Any prospective employer (at the time of application). d. The PCT in whose Medical Performers List she is included or seeking inclusion (at the time of application). e. Her Regional Director of Public Health.