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Subject: Dr Barton - Suspicious deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital

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Dr Peter Old, Director of Public Health at the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire HA has spoken to Dr Barton and has asked her to step aside as Chair of Gosport PCG. She has apparently co-operated fully. The statement below has been prepared, but will only be used by the HA **reactively**.

HA Reactive Statement

Whilst investigations are continuing, Dr Jane Barton has decided to step aside as Chair of the Gosport Primary Care Group. We have been reassured by the GMC's decision on this case, but as a matter of routine in these circumstances, we will be examining all aspects of Dr Barton's clinical work.