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Subject: Re: Suspicious deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital 



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Please see the attached note from Professor Donaldson following **Code A** email of yesterday's date (below).

Thanks very much. Please give me a call if you would like to discuss anything further.

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Ministers will want to be aware that we have just heard from SERO that Dr Barton's case will go the GMC's Interim Orders Committee on Thursday. The IOC's function is to take action where necessary to protect patients by imposing interim restrictions (suspension if necessary) on a doctor's registration. In Dr Barton's case the only evidence being presented relates to the existing facts summarised below. A decision is likely to be in the public domain on Thursday. The police continue their enquiries, but we have no clear indication of when these might be completed.

It is important that we do not prejudice the police enquiries by our comments. However Ministers may well be asked for a comment when the IOC verdict becomes known on Thursday. We are discussing handling with the RO and will provide briefing and a line to take. **Code A** will be the contact here.

Code A briefed you on this case on 6 June. To recap, it concerns a police investigation into the death of a patient at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital in 1998. Police have been in touch with both the GMC about the patient's GP (Dr Jane Barton) and the UKCC (because of the possible implication of other members of the clinical team). The police have sent the papers to the DPP. Dr Barton has NOT been charged with any offence. **Code A** advises that Dr Barton is chair of the Gosport PCG. She is not working at the hospital any longer.

The UKCC have shared with us that the police are also investigating allegations by a health care assistant about an alleged culture of euthanasia at the hospital over a long period.

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(**Code A** - this overtakes your earlier conversation today with **Code A** who has spoken to me about this.)

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