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For your information, copies of the following documents were enclosed in the original correspondence but are not enclosed in this correspondence:

- IOP note on functions and powers
- Investigating Concerns leaflet
- Employer details form
- GMC Fitness to Practise Rules 2004
- Section 41A extract from The Medical Act 1983 (as amended)

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Dear Dr Barton

As you are aware on 11 July 2008 the Interim Orders Panel (IOP) made an order imposing conditions on your registration for a period of 18 months, starting on 11 July 2008. This order was reviewed and maintained by the IOP on 22 December 2008, 1 June 2009 and 12 November 2009. On 30 December 2009 the order was extended by the High Court until 9 July 2010.

I am writing to let you know that the IOP will be reviewing the order made in relation to your registration at its meeting on 11 March 2010. In reviewing the order the IOP is empowered to direct that the order should remain in force, to amend the order or to revoke it. At this hearing the IOP shall in addition to reviewing the order, determine whether it is necessary to direct the Registrar to apply to the court for the order to be extended, in accordance with Rule 27(6) of the GMC's (Fitness to Practise) Rules 2004.

You are therefore invited to appear before the IOP at **09:30** on **11 March 2010** at the Council's offices at **Regent's Place, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3JN**, if you so wish, to address the IOP on what action they should take in relation to your registration. You may, if you wish, be represented by Counsel, a solicitor, a representative of any professional organisation of which you may be a member or, at the discretion of the IOP, by a member of your family. The IOP is, however, empowered to review the order in relation to your registration irrespective of whether or not you are present or represented.

I attach a copy of the papers to be considered by the Panel which start at page 1 and ends at page 1051 for your consideration.

You are invited to submit observations on the case in writing and these will be circulated to the IOP before they consider your case. In particular, you should seek to confirm whether you have complied with conditions imposed on your registration by the Panel and detail any arrangements that you have put in place to affect compliance. Your observations should be marked for the attention of **Adam Elliott, Adjudication Section, Regent's Place, 350 Euston Road, London NW1 3JN (fax no 020 7189 5177)**.

You may also state in writing whether you propose to attend the meeting, whether you will be represented as indicated above, and if so, by whom.

You will be required to confirm your full name and your GMC reference number at the start of the hearing before the IOP. If you are not present at the hearing the Presenting Officer, representing the GMC will confirm this on your behalf.

The Interim Orders Panel normally meets in private but you may if you wish direct that the meeting should be held in public. If you wish for the meeting to be held in public could you please notify Adam Elliott, Adjudication Section, as soon as possible.

The GMC is under a statutory duty to publish the outcome of IOP hearings. It is our usual practice to do so by placing the outcomes of hearings on our website. If you do not attend the hearing could you please supply Adam Elliott with a telephone or fax number where you can be contacted on the day of the hearing, so we can let you know of the decision before placing the information on our website. If you do not provide such a contact number, or we are unable to contact you, the outcome of the hearing will still be published.

If you intend to consult your medical defence society, or to take other legal advice, you should do so without delay.

In accordance with Section 35A(2) of the Medical Act 1983 (as amended), you are required to inform us, within 7 days of receipt of this letter, of the name and address of the following: -

- all of your current employers,
- the Health Authority with which you have a service agreement,
- locum agency or agencies with whom you are registered, and
- the hospital or surgery at which you are currently working.
- If you engage in any non-NHS work, you are also required to notify us, within the same period of time, of the name of the organisation or hospital by which you are employed, or have any working arrangements. Please forward this information directly to me. Upon receipt of these details, your employers will be notified of the IOP's consideration of the matter.
- If you are approved under Section 12 of the Mental Health Act, or Section 22 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, you must also notify us of this fact.

I enclose a copy of Section 41A of The Medical Act 1983 (as amended), the Fitness to Practise Rules, a paper about our fitness to practise procedures and a paper about the procedures of the IOP.

The documents enclosed with this letter may contain confidential information. This material is sent to you solely to enable you to prepare for this hearing and must not be disclosed to anyone else, except for the purpose of helping you to prepare your defence.

Please will you write personally to acknowledge receipt of this letter quoting the reference above.

Should you wish to clarify any aspects of this letter please contact Juliet St Bernard on 020 7189 5148.

Yours sincerely,

Code A

Andrew Wood
Assistant Registrar
Fitness to Practise Directorate

Enc: Imposing Interim Orders - Guidance for the IOP and the FtP Panel
Investigating concerns factsheet
Employer details form
General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules 2004
S 41A extract from The Medical Act 1983 (as amended)

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