

Mrs G Hughes

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Dear Sir/Madam

As a patient of Dr Barton I feel that I must write to you to support her at this present time.

Dr Barton was at Gosport War Memorial when my father was admitted in Jan 2000, and found her to be very caring in all the decisions concerning my father's well being.

My father was in hospital about 11 days before he sadly died and in that time my family were never in any doubt about the way the doctor or the nurses treated him.

It saddens me to think that after a period of 4 years she is now being investigated into 15 deaths that occurred in 1998, when at the time her post at the hospital was that of a clinical assistant.

So therefore why is her superior not being named and investigated. I am aware that one other doctor is involved.

This being Dr Lord from Q.A.Hospital Portsmouth and 3 other nurses, so why have these people not been named, it looks as if Dr Barton is being used as the scapegoat.

Since Dr Barton's name appeared in our local paper she has now gone on long term sick from her local practice, which under the circumstances I don't blame her.

I have been a patient of Dr Barton for a long period; she is also my son and daughter's doctor and has been since they were both born and was a great support for my family when my daughter was very ill 4 years ago and we thought she was going to die.

I am totally gutted to think that she would come under this sort of investigation after a 4 years period.

I can assure you that if my family was in any doubt about the way my father was treated and cared for by the local medical staff we would have not waited 4 years for this to be highlighted

Knowing that any member of the medical profession was still carrying on working within the hospital, as this would not seem to be in the interest of other patients.

Please don't try and tell us that these deaths were being investigated 4 years ago because I know that since one case was highlighted in our local paper that others followed, and I can assure you that no way would I have waited this length of time, I would have made sure that people knew what was happening.

As I sit and write this letter to you I am wondering what will happen when the finding of this investigation prove that no gross misconduct ever occurred and that a statement of apology would be made public and that Dr Barton will carry on in the practice where she has been for a number of years, as I do not see why my son and daughter should have to be seen by someone else who will be unsure of they medical history and may result in me moving my family to another doctor.

To me she is the best practitioner anyone could have and I would be prepared to go out of my way to help and support her.

Yours sincerely

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