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From: Barker, Ian; [Code A]
Sent: 19 August 2009 12:10
To: [Code A]
Cc: Boyall, Dawn; Tennant, Nicholas
Subject: Dr Jane Barton - GMC

Dear Pat

Many thanks for having a word with me about Jane's case and the draft press release.

As I explained, the Panel has to deal with things in 2 stages. The first stage is to determine which facts are found proved. The second is to decide on the basis of the proven facts, if they amount to serious professional misconduct and what the penalty should be. It is only once we have that final decision that it would be appropriate for any press release to be made.

The Panel has been deliberating on the facts now for about 2 weeks, and the present indication is that they will announce their decision tomorrow morning. They will then go on to hear submissions about serious professional misconduct and sanction, and then deliberate on those issues in private. They will only have a day left in the allocated period for the hearing as it is due to finish on Friday.

Given that they have taken so long to deal with the facts, I think it is highly unlikely they will be able to finish in time.

I think there are 3 possibilities:

The first is that they can't finish, and will allocate a further period at some stage in the future.

The second is that they try to conclude things over the weekend.

The third is that they are able to finish by Friday afternoon/evening.

As we discussed, I think it is likely to be option 1, but any which way, as and when the final determination comes through, we will have a look at the draft press release and see what needs to be amended with Jane. We will then make sure you have that available as soon as we can.

I will ask Dawn Boyall from the MDU Press Department to send you the draft press release tomorrow, but as I mentioned, it is only a draft and based on the worst case scenario. If, as we hope, the decision is more favourable, we can readily consider what needs to be changed, though obviously much of the text can stand as it is.

I will let Dawn have your number and am copying this to Dawn so you will have her email. I am also copying it to Nick Tennant, who is standing in for me over the next 2 days as I am away on leave, having anticipated that the hearing would have concluded by now.

If you do need to have a word about anything please do feel free to contact me - it will be no problem. I should have my blackberry with me for email, and my mobile is [Code A]. Don't worry about me being away - Jane comes first.

With thanks for all your help, and my best wishes

Ian

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From: Humphrey, Jen Code A**Sent:** 20 August 2009 14:23**To:** Code A**Subject:** DR JANE BARTON - FORWARDED ON BEHALF OF IAN BARKER AND NICK TENANT

Good afternoon,

With apologies for troubling you but I write to advise that Nick's email to you earlier today furnishing you with his mobile number contained an error. In case you do need to speak to Nick may I please advise his mobile no is:

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