

Mike Porter

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Dear Mike

Many thanks for having a word with me about the possibility of press contact, and the concern to have something available from the surgery, rather than relying on the helpful PCT.

I have had a word with Dawn Boyall who heads our press department, and with Jane. Jane is happy with the following:

"Dr Barton is unable to make any comment about matters given her duty of confidence and the impending proceedings. She can say though that she has always acted with care, concern and compassion towards her patients. She remains very grateful for all the support she has received from her colleagues and patients alike."

Can I suggest that this is available if members of the press call, rather than being released on a proactive basis. I appreciate that is what you had in mind anyway.

If I am not available and you do need to have a word, please feel free to liaise with Dawn. You will have her email as I am cc'ing this to her.

Best wishes

Ian

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