

Media Release

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STATEMENT FROM DR JANE BARTON, A GP IN HAMPSHIRE, FOLLOWING TODAY'S GMC VERDICT

"I am disappointed by the decision of the GMC Panel but appreciate that in imposing conditions, they recognised the great difficulties and unreasonable pressure under which I had to work. Anyone following this case carefully will know that I was faced with an excessive and increasing burden in trying to care for patients at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital. I did the best I could for my patients in the circumstances until finally I had no alternative but to resign. I draw great comfort from the expert evidence of Professor Karol Sikora, who told the Panel that given the situation, my general practice and procedure were perfectly reasonable.

"None of the nurses who gave evidence were critical of my care of the patients in this Inquiry. The consultants who had overall responsibility for the patients never expressed concern about my treatment and working practices. "Throughout my career I have tried to do my very best for all my patients and have had only their interests and wellbeing at heart. I am hugely grateful to all my medical and nursing colleagues, and to all my patients who have been so supportive of me throughout this eleven year ordeal. I'd also like to express my admiration for my former nursing colleagues."

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