



HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY

MEMORANDUM

From : **Ray BURT**
DCI

To : **Mike WOODFORD**
Force Solicitor

Ext. No. : **Code A**

Our Ref. :

Your Ref. :

Date : **15th May 2001**

Mike

Disclosure of Information – GMC and UKCC

Following our discussions regarding Operation 'Rochester', the Gosport War Memorial Hospital case, I attach copies of letters received from the GMC and the UKCC regarding Dr Barton and Mr BEED respectively.

I have also attached copies of my original written notification to each organisation.

The GMC request is on the lines of what we discussed and I believe that **Code A** will confirm that the material requested has already been disclosed to Dr Barton during the formal police interview process.

The letter from the UKCC is not quite so clear. It is possible that they are being a little defensive. My notification would, I believe, have been difficult to misinterpret. They also appear unsure of what action should be taken.

I hope we can discuss on 16/05/01.

A conference is planned for Monday 21st May 2001 (1600hrs) at the MIR Fratton Police Station to determine the ongoing investigation strategy. It is likely that the investigation will be widened and other cases examined.

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Fax Cover Sheet

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In confidence

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By fax and post

Dear Mr Woodford

RE: Philip James Beed Code A

As you are no doubt aware I had a meeting this morning with Detective Chief Inspector Ray Burt and Detective Sergeant Code A to discuss the above in confidence.

I note from our files that DCI Burt wrote to this organisation last September asking whether the UKCC has a record of Mr Beed, and whether there were any matters recorded which might be relevant to his investigation in terms of Mr Beed's professional competence. Lesley South who was the departmental manager at that time (but has since left this organisation) wrote to DCI Burt on 11 October 2000 informing him that there was nothing against Mr Beed's name on the register to indicate that he has appeared before the Professional Conduct Committee.

Lesley South did not interpret DCI Burt's letter as a complaint against Mr Beed, therefore, no file has been opened and no investigation has been commenced.

I would be grateful if you would let me know as soon as possible if you believe that Mr Beed's conduct should be investigated by the UKCC, and whether your investigations so far have revealed any information about Mr Beed's conduct which may warrant his interim suspension from the register. The effect of the latter would be that Mr Beed would be prevented from practising as a registered nurse until completion of the investigation. The Preliminary Proceedings Committee would require some information which indicates that Mr Beed poses a serious risk of harm to patients or clients.





Mr Woodford

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Under our current legislation we must give 14 days notice to the practitioner setting out the allegation(s) together with any supporting information/evidence. In other words, we would have to disclose to the nurse any information upon which the committee would base its decision whether or not to suspend Mr Beed's registration.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Liz McNulty
Director of Professional Conduct

CC Detective Chief Inspector Ray Burt

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ORIGINAL NOTIFICATION



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18/09/00

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IN CONFIDENCE

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Philip James BEED Code A

An investigation is currently being conducted by the Hampshire Constabulary following an allegation that an elderly woman was unlawfully killed during 1998 whilst being treated as an in-patient at the War Memorial Hospital, Gosport, Hampshire. This hospital is administered by the Portsmouth Healthcare (NHS) Trust.

Among the members of staff whose actions are being investigated is a senior nurse named Philip James BEED. Mr BEED is employed as a Clinical Manager and performs the role of Charge Nurse with responsibility for Daedalus Ward at the War Memorial Hospital. Mr BEED has completed approximately 20 years in the nursing profession. He began his career in the Royal Navy and states that he has held nursing posts with BUPA, the Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford and with Brooks University.

I am writing to enquire whether the UKCC has a record of Mr BEED and whether, in particular, there are any matters recorded which might be relevant to our investigation in terms of Mr BEED's professional competence.

Yours faithfully

R J BURT
Detective Chief Inspector

Fax**To** DCI Ray Burt**Fax number** 01962 - 871130**From** Jackie Smith**Direct Dial** **Direct fax** **No. of pages** 3
(inclusive)**Time** 14:20**Date** 15 May 2001**GENERAL
MEDICAL
COUNCIL***Protecting patients,
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Dear DCI Burt

Further to our telephone conversation earlier today, please find enclosed a copy of the letter sent to Mike Woodford.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards.

Jackie Smith

Access Mike Woodford

Our ref: KET/GAH/3015

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4 May 2001

Dear Mr Woodford

General Medical Council - Dr Jane Barton

As you are aware, this firm is instructed by the General Medical Council, the regulatory body of the medical profession.

It was a pleasure to meet you and your police colleagues on Wednesday.

I write to formally request disclosure of the following material which I understand is in the possession of acting DS Burt:

1. Statements made by the daughters of Gladys Richards deceased;
2. Statement of Dr Jane Barton;
3. Medical records of Gladys Richards deceased;

The above information will be placed before the Interim Orders Committee of the General Medical Council as soon as possible so that they may decide whether to take any action to limit Dr Barton's registration with the General

Medical Council, in the interest of protecting the public and pending the outcome of the police enquiries. As I explained to DS Burt, all documents passed to us will be disclosed to Dr Barton. It would also greatly assist the Interim Orders Committee if DS Burt or one of his colleagues would be able to provide information, probably in the form of a letter, explaining that there is an investigating currently proceeding and that a file has been submitted to the CPS. The letter should indicate, if possible, the nature of the charge that may be brought against Dr Barton and when the CPS might be expected to make a decision as to whether the case will proceed.

I understand that the police have an expert report from Brian Livesley. However, I further understand that this has not yet been disclosed to Dr Barton and that disclosure to us at the present time may prejudice the police investigation. I therefore do not request disclosure of this expert report.

As you will appreciate, the GMC will wish to act promptly to bring this matter before the Interim Orders Committee in the interest of protecting the public and I would be very grateful to hear from you as a matter of urgency with the requested documentation. You have indicated that you are prepared to release the documents to us for which I am extremely grateful.

Yours sincerely

Code A

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For the attention of Miss BANNISTER

Private and Confidential

Dear Miss Bannister,

Re: Dr. Jane BARTON G.P.

Further to my telephone call of yesterday's date, I wish to provide brief details of an investigation which is currently being conducted by the Hampshire Constabulary.

An allegation has been made by members of the family of a woman named Gladys RICHARDS to the effect that she was unlawfully killed as a result of treatment received at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH) during or about the period 17th-21st August 1998. The doctor who appears to have been responsible for the care of Mrs RICHARDS at the time is Dr. Jane BARTON **Code A** who is a General Practitioner practising in Gosport, Hampshire. Dr. BARTON is additionally engaged by the Portsmouth Healthcare (NHS) Trust as a visiting Clinical Assistant at the GWMH. Dr. BARTON currently practises at The Surgery, 148 Forton Road, Gosport, Hampshire. The investigation is ongoing and no criminal charges have been preferred. Dr. BARTON is represented by Mr. Ian BARKER of HEMSONS (Solicitors) of London.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

R. J. BURT
Acting Detective Superintendent