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Dear Mrs Mackenzie,

I refer to our recent email exchange in relation to your queries regarding the GMC's case concerning Dr Barton and I apologise for the delay in reverting to you.

To confirm, the GMC received the witness statements prepared by Hampshire police, during the course of their enquiries, for the Haslar staff and Dr Barton. The statements were reviewed by the GMC's legal team during their investigation of the case and in preparation for the Fitness to Practise Panel hearing.

In terms of the evidence which was placed before the Panel, and referred to at the hearing, this was properly limited to the documentation and witness evidence necessary to support that GMC's charges against Dr Barton. Any documentation not provided to the Panel was done so on the basis that it was not relevant to the matters charged. However, all documentation received by the GMC was carefully considered by the GMC's legal team.

It may assist you to note that the GMC's legal team, with the assistance of our expert, considered in great depth which matters to include in the charges. In deciding which matters to include, the GMC's legal team considered a number of factors including; the criticism of Professor Ford, the materials provided by the police, the outcome of Field Fisher Waterhouse's investigation and the (privileged) advice from Counsel.

I hope this answers your queries.

Yours sincerely
Ms St Bernard

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