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Dear Dr Barton

I am a reporter at the Independent on Sunday newspaper. I report mainly on health and social issues, and have been reporting on the deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

I am very aware that we have so far been unable to represent your side of what happened whilst you were clinical assistant at Gosport but would very much like the opportunity to do so.

I am therefore writing to request an interview with you. I am aware you are involved in an ongoing GMC investigation, but I'm sure we could write a piece which reflected your views without jeopardising that process.

It could take place at the venues of your choice or even by telephone if you preferred.

I appreciate that the inquest process as well as the numerous other investigations will have placed a great strain on you personally and professionally, but I would hope that an interview for the Independent on Sunday would provide you with a more positive opportunity.

The interview would take less than an hour of your time, and I would of course be happy to fit in around your commitments.

I hope you don't mind me approaching you in this way, and I would be very grateful if you would consider my request and get back to me as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours truly,

Nina Lakhani

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