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You'll wish to see the note below about the imminent outcome of the GMC Fitness to Practise hearing into Dr Jane Barton's case
 As you may know, the Portsmouth coroner is proposing to hold an inquest into the death of another GWMH patient, Gladys Richards, so the GMC verdict - and, if appropriate, Dr Barton will be able to appeal - is still not the end of the story. I gather that Sophie Coppell in COMMS is aware of what's going on.

I've been putting together a note for CMO updating him on GWMH; it would make sense to wait until we know what the GMC decide before sending it.

As always, happy to discuss.

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GMC statement and Q&A - Gosport War Memorial

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Hello **Code A**

The South Central SHA has advised that the GMC hearing into the case of Dr Barton is due to conclude this week. It is likely that the decision will be made within the next 48hrs (findings on point of fact). The committee will then go back into private meeting to discuss outcomes which will be made public on Friday. However, please note that the days stated are not set in stone.

Please find attached statement and Q& A prepared in advance from Hampshire PCT.

I'll keep you updated on progress.

Regards

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Statement in relation to GMC ruling on Dr Jane Barton

Richard Popplewell, interim chief executive, said: I hope that the GMC hearing has provided further answers for the families and that today's ruling will bring this uncertainty to a close. I would like to offer my sympathy to the families concerned for the uncertainty they have experienced over many years

Dr Barton resigned from her post as clinical assistant at Gosport War Memorial Hospital in 2000 but has continued to work locally as a General Practitioner. She agreed to voluntary restrictions being placed on her prescribing practice in 2000, and since that date has complied fully with these. The restrictions were formalised by the GMC's Interim Orders Panel in 2008.

NHS Hampshire has fully co-operated with and supported the GMC hearing throughout its duration and will review its position and that of Dr Barton in line with the outcome of the GMC hearing in accordance with the governing regulatory and legislative procedures.

I would, however, once again like to take this opportunity to remind the public that since the late 1990s the systems and policies in place at Gosport War Memorial Hospital have undergone a complete review and a significant number of changes have been made. I can assure the families and local people that all the matters and issues that have been considered in some depth by the Coroner and the GMC have been addressed and that the care at Gosport War Memorial Hospital today, is of the highest standard.

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