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Dear Mr Philip

**Registered nurses at Gosport War Memorial Hospital**

The Nursing and Midwifery Council, as the regulator for the nursing and midwifery professions, has received complaints concerning several registered nurses employed to practise at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

Our Preliminary Proceedings Committee (PPC) is considering the matter. After careful consideration, we decided to await the outcome of the General Medical Council's case against Dr Jane Barton. While our proceedings are entirely separate we have recognised that it would be judicious to monitor the GMC's proceedings before referring the case back to the PPC.

I understand that proceedings against Dr Barton were adjourned on 20 August 2009 and I write to you at this time to request the following:

- a copy of the charge sheet;
- confirmation of the findings made to date;
- confirmation of the dates of the resumed hearing;
- a transcript of the hearing to date. We would hope there would be no costs levied to the NMC as a fellow regulator, but recognise that Dr Barton's case has run to a number of weeks. If there are administration costs to be met, I would be grateful if you could refer me first, so that I can agree this with our head of business support and development.

Your assistance with this request is much appreciated and will assist the NMC in its proceedings. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any issues arising from this letter.

Yours sincerely

**Code A**

Senior Case Officer, Fitness to Practise