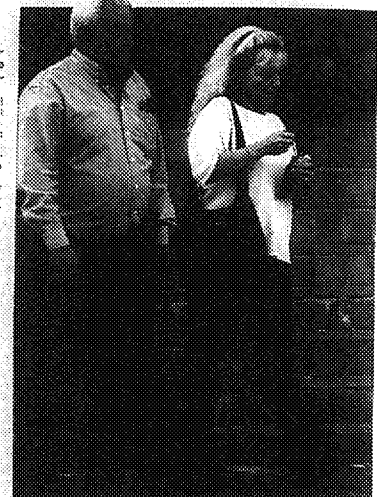


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George and Patricia Hoar outside the court

THE TRIAL SO FAR

THE HOARs have been in court since 10.30am on Monday. The trial is expected to last for several days. The prosecution has called several witnesses, including a former friend of Patricia Hoar, who testified that she had seen Patricia Hoar in a car on the night of the murder. The defence has called several witnesses, including a former friend of George Hoar, who testified that he had seen George Hoar in a car on the night of the murder. The trial is expected to be a long and complex one.

stand in for police at events

... sending out a far-reaching message. He said: 'I'm very pleased with the response. The idea came to me at the time of the Queen Mother's funeral. If anything on that scale had happened in our force, we would not have been able to cope with it. PC Walker added: 'I am really thinking about formal funerals, coroners' inquests, royal visits, that type of event. He said the drill squad would be made up of volunteers, who were willing to give up their own time to represent the constabulary at prestigious events - and then get up for occasional drill practice.

Have your say on way leisure services run

by Bill Young
The News

PEOPLE have the chance to air their views on plans to transform leisure services in Gosport.

Council officials are holding a series of public meetings and one writing option to give people a hand over leisure facilities, swimming pools, community centres and theatre to a charity.

The first such meeting period a success with more than 50 people attending.

To date a draft plan to not only change how leisure services are run in Gosport was unveiled in a bid to cut costs and provide some modern facilities.

The council faces a £10m bill in the next 10 years for fitting facilities up to scratch and the proposals would put the control of leisure centres into the hands of a charitable trust.

The council's executive member for Leisure, Councillor Hockley said: 'There was a lot of interest and some good questions and we wish to get our message across.'

There will be another meeting next Tuesday, starting at 7pm in Fawcett Hall.

HEALTH: Doctor being scrutinised by General Medical Council returns to work at surgery Colleagues support GP



Colleagues and patients have voiced their backing for Dr Jane Barton

by Rebecca Ellner
Health reporter

A DOCTOR being investigated for her conduct while employed at a Gosport community hospital is back at work.

Dr Jane Barton, who works as a GP at the Gosport District Board, Gosport, was in the sick leave when the General Medical Council (GMC) which regulates doctors, said it was looking into her case.

Dr Barton was in sick leave for a period of several days at Gosport War Memorial Hospital until she left in July 2002.

It is two years since she returned to duty. Those that are being investigated by the GMC, which censured consultants about how many patients of some elderly patients are treated.

But The News understands the GMC, which has only ever formally censured it is aware of Dr Barton, has decided she is not a danger to patients and is fit to continue working.

The GMC refused to say if it was aware of Dr Barton's continuing to work while she waited for a date for a possible conduct committee hearing - where more will decide if she should have her doctor status revoked.

However, Adrian Cheyne, Trust Director, Health Services, said: 'Dr Barton, who works in our community, and it was wrong to allow her to continue to practice.'

No criminal charges have been brought

AN INVESTIGATION by health watchdog the Commission for Health Improvement published earlier this year, revealed the use of pain relief at Gosport War Memorial Hospital was excessive and regularly put patients at risk.

Dr Jane Barton was the clinical assistant at the hospital in 1998 when a number of elderly patients - who had gone to the hospital for rehabilitation - died.

She is now being investigated by her peers at the General Medical Council, who will decide if they think she has done anything wrong.

There is no suggestion that Dr Barton or any of the other staff who



Gosport War Memorial Hospital

worked on the wards of the community hospital, who are also being investigated by regulatory bodies, disciplinary action have been taken and no criminal charges have been brought against anyone.

He said: 'The GMC is the regulator of doctors and advises the NHS if it thinks there are weaknesses in what they do before it has to take it to court.'

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