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Dear Mr Hawsley

**General Medical Council - Dr Jane Barton**

I write further to your letter dated 1 February 2008.

I have today received a phone call from Mr Alan Lavender, son of Elsie Hester Lavender, explaining that an inquest will now be held into the deaths of ten patients from Gosport War Memorial Hospital including his late mother.

As you may already be aware there is currently a GMC Fitness to Practise hearing scheduled to commence in September 2008 which will run for 8 weeks. The opening of any inquest may have an effect on the GMC hearing and I would therefore be grateful if you could contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss the matter further.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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