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Thanks Roy..

Are the GMC going to notify families of the decision?.. (they should)..DW.

Mr HORSLEY.. Copied for your info although I guess that you have been notified?..

Regards Dave WILLIAMS

From: Stephenson, Roy
Sent: 12 February 2008 12:56
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Dear All

I have spoken with the lawyers representing the GMC today at some length the out come being that they are going to prosecute Dr Barton for failure to complete proper medical records and inappropriate prescribing. They have taken counsels advice and are not going to prosecute any of the other Dr's i.e. Dr Reid, they have also formed the opinion that there insufficient evidence to prosecute Dr Barton for action/treatment leading to the death of a patient. The hearing is set for 2 months for September/October but this is dependent on a number of events not least, inquest timings and defence submissions. The stiffest penalty that Dr Barton could face is being struck off. Even if she retired before the hearing they would still hold one. They are using Dr Black as there expert witness and no one will be required to attend the hearing.

The N&WC are at this time waiting to see the outcome of the GMC case before deciding on their course of action, no doubt this will drag on for another two years.

All the best

Roy

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