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Dear Harry Cayton,

Dr Jane Barton

I write following the decision of the General Medical Council's Fitness to Practise Panel on 29th January 2010 in the case of Dr Jane Barton. I, along with very many other people were amazed that Dr Barton was not removed from the register. I know that the GMC has itself asked the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence to review this decision. I strongly support that request and hope very much that, in order to provide reassurance to the public, the decision is reversed and that Dr Barton is removed from the register. It is surely intolerable, given the findings against her, that she is able to continue to practise.

I am also horrified that the long delay in the case coming to the Fitness to Practise Panel appears to have acted in her favour in that she was able to argue that a period of practise free of incident justifies her continuing on the register.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

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