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Dear Paul

**Consideration of possible referral to the High Court under Section 29 (4) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002**

**Decision of the Fitness to Practise Panel of the General Medical Council on 29 January 2010**

**Dr Jane BARTON**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence (CHRE).

The case of Dr Barton will be considered at a case meeting on 23 March 2010. Panel Members will consider whether to refer the Fitness to Practise Panel's decision of 29 January 2010 to the High Court in accordance with Section 29 (4) of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002. The statutory deadline for any decision to refer the case is 1 April 2010.

I will write to you as soon as possible after the meeting to let you know the outcome. In the meantime, I would very much welcome any comments or observations you might have on the case.

Yours sincerely,

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