

CW Exhibit 3

In reply please quote: CA/FPD/2003/1095

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Dr Eleanor Goldman

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**GENERAL
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COUNCIL**

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Dear Dr Goldman

Complaint by Mrs Colette Wintle

I refer to our previous correspondence about this matter.

In accordance with Rule 8 of the General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules 2004, the Case Examiners have considered the allegations made by Mrs Wintle and any further comments we have received from you. They have concluded that we do not need to take any further action on your registration, in respect of these allegations.

When making their decision, the Case Examiners must consider whether there is a realistic prospect of establishing that a doctor's fitness to practise is impaired to a degree justifying action on registration. In doing so, they must have in mind the GMC's duty to act in the public interest, which includes the protection of patients and maintaining public confidence in the profession.

They first consider the seriousness of the allegations and then whether the GMC is capable of establishing that the facts demonstrate the practitioner's fitness to practise is impaired to a degree justifying action on registration.

They wrote: "The allegations against Dr Goldman, who retired in 1995, that she failed to advise the patient of risks associated with blood replacement products and Hepatitis in particular have been considered. The evidence verified by the medical records and correspondence indicates that the patient had received appropriate counselling and had been given a letter from Dr Goldman in 1987 clearly and accurately outlining her medical history. Because of the lack of evidence to support these serious allegations the GMC will not be taking action on Dr Goldman's registration."

We have written to Mrs Wintle, any employers that you notified us of, and the Department of Health with details of the outcome.

Please write to acknowledge receipt of this letter. If you have any questions please contact me on the telephone number below.

Yours sincerely

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