

25th January 1992

Mr Bainton  
The General Medical Council  
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Dear Mr Bainton

Thank you for your recent letter informing me of GMC's decision not to persevere Professor Winston with respect to his involvement with the "Cook's Report" programme of April and July 1991.

It should be pointed out that the reply makes mention only of innuendo involving his appearance on the programme. However, no mention was made of other specific complaints that were made -

i.e. regarding Winston's purposeful recruitment of patients to the programme in which she made complaints at his suggestion.

Winston's patient was deliberately given misinformation by him.

Winston has specifically lied about the state of the patient's uterus.

Winston subsequently wrote a letter to the television company with a specific aim of bringing a competitor's name and reputation into disrepute making absolutely baseless, and undocumented allegations of "inadequate care", "incompetent", "deficiency of the care provided by Dr Glatt", "preferred to dump his ill patients on the National Health Service Hospital", made allegations of "in a number of irregularities which is of a serious nature whilst I was at Hammersmith Hospital etc.

Winston wrote to the Medical Journal in which he stated that he was "no way responsible for the treatment of Dr Jack Glatt or, indeed, any body else mentioned in the programme". Yet he was the principle medical adviser to the programme, appeared himself on the programme, and he had himself recruited our mutual patients to the programme with the specified aim of making a complaint about myself.

I would be grateful for a specified reply regarding these complaints.

Moreover, I wrote a letter to the GMC regarding the professional ethics of positively advising the patient to make his or her initial complaints regarding another practitioner directly to the media instead of conventional channels such as addressing an enquiry / complaint in the first instance to the practitioner or to the hospital/ clinic, the Local Health Authority, the Health Ombudsman, the General Practitioner, another consultant already dealing with the patient, the Community Health Council, Citizen Advice Bureau, the General Medical Council, or a lawyer. Failure to follow these conventional directions can only bring the profession into disrepute. A reply to this letter has not yet been received. I shall be phoning you shortly in order to ask for a meeting with the Registrar of the General Medical Council.

Yours sincerely

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