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Dear Dr Holden

Thank you for your email of 29 April 2013. You wrote to make a formal complaint about Dr Daniel Poulter.

We have carefully considered your complaint but we have decided not to take the matter any further. I am sorry if this is not the outcome you were hoping for.

The reasons for our decision

We have carefully considered your concerns against the doctor and we fully understand bringing this to the GMC's attention. I am sure you also appreciate that it is not for the GMC to become involved in issues of free speech and expressing opinions on matters. This is the legal / human right of the doctor, or indeed yourself, and the GMC cannot infringe upon it.

We do not believe that we have evidence that the doctor has deliberately misled Parliament or provided views that would warrant censure by the GMC. As such we cannot at present, investigate this matter further.

About our role

As you know the GMC registers doctors to practise medicine in the UK. Our purpose is to protect, promote and maintain the health and safety of the public by ensuring proper standards in the practice of medicine.

We determine the principles and values that underpin good medical practice and we can take firm but fair action where those standards have not been met.

I hope this letter has been helpful to you in understanding the reasons for our decision.

I am sorry that the GMC is not able to help you at this time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Wightman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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