Press Cuttings Summary
Wednesday 1 September 2010

Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

The Manchester Evening News refers to Code A case before the GMC in the context of a feature about a patient who has been granted £90,000 compensation for brain damage, which was linked to his having been given the MMR vaccine.

A Daily Telegraph obituary of Lord Lyell of Markyate, who served as Solicitor-and-Attorney-General under Margaret Thatcher and John Major, notes that he represented Code A in 'a high profile case before the General Medical Council.'

Fitness to Practise

There is extensive national and regional coverage of yesterday’s determinations in the cases of Code A (fitness to practise found not to be impaired) and Code A (impairment found). Code A case is also mentioned in comment pieces and in the International Herald Tribune as well as other international media outlets.

The Herald (Plymouth) reports on progress with Dr Joe Motwani’s ongoing hearing.

Mental Health Today notes that Code A was erased by a GMC fitness to practise panel for sexually motivated behaviour.

Broadcast Mentions

Dr ‘Freddy’ Patel’s case was mentioned on BBC Radio 4 and local radio stations.

Code A hearing was reported by Radio 5, Sky News as well as local radio and TV stations.

The relatives of patients who died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital are to hand a petition in to 10 Downing Street, calling for a change in the law that would require doctors to obtain consent from relatives before administering drugs to elderly patients (BBC Solent).

Letters pages

There are no relevant letters to note.

Other News

The Daily Express reports on a rise in hospital admissions due to excessive drinking.

According to the Evening Standard, Beckett College, in partnership with the University of Pecs Medical School (UPMS), Hungary, has launched a new foundation programme for hopeful medical students who are preparing for entry to medical school, which can tie into an exchange programme at the UPMS.

Much of the Northern Ireland media report on written answers supplied by the Health Minister to a series of questions asked by Members of the Legislative Assembly on the cost of medical negligence cases in NI:
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-11147417
DOCTOR INVOLVED IN BLOODGATE SCANDAL TOLD SHE IS FREE TO WORK IN MEDICINE AGAIN

The GMC ruled that her fitness to practice wasn't impaired. Reporter - they have taken into account the defence that she gave.

BBC Radio Five Live - 5 Live Drive - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

PATHOLOGIST INVOLVED IN DEATH OF ROW AT MAN AT G20 TOLD HE'S UNFIT TO PRACTICE

The GMC was considering unrelated post mortem examinations carried by... Reporter - all this really does is say that there were some serious doubts about... which appear to stretch back. That does raise the question as to why he was instructed by the Coroner, supported by the City of London Police to conduct the post mortem last year.

BBC Radio Five Live - 5 Live Drive - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

PATHOLOGIST WHO CARRIED POST-MORTEM ON G20 PROTESTOR IS FOUND GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT

The General Medical Council ruled... Reporter - the panel found his actions in carrying out post mortem examinations amounted to misconduct. The cases pre date the death of...

BBC Radio Suffolk - Drive Time - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

MEDICAL PANEL RULES DOCTOR AT CENTRE OF BLOODGATE RUGBY SCANDAL CAN PRACTISE MEDICINE

The GMC decide that... She gave into his demands and went onto lie to a European rugby cup hearing. Former Harlequins Director of Rugby Dean Richards eventually admitted what had happened. She's also since then been treated for breast cancer.

BBC Radio Kent - DRIVETIME - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

PATHOLOGIST UNFIT TO PRACTICE

A panel at the GMC ruled... Reporter - Tom Williams was given a fake blood capsule which he bit into...

BBC Radio Leeds - Drivetime - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

GP INVESTIGATED OVER RUGBY BLOODGATE SCANDAL TOLD SHE CAN PRACTICE MEDICINE AGAIN

A doctor who was suspended over the blood gate rugby scandal has been told she can start practising medicine again. The GMC says... who cut the lip of Tom Williams after he faked an injury was guilty of serious misconduct, but she was severely depressed at the time.

BBC Radio Merseyside - Drivetime - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

FAKE RUGBY INJURY SCANDAL

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GMC SAYS DOCTOR FIT TO CONTINUE PRACTISING
The GMC has decided a doctor who worked at Maidstone Hospital will be allowed to carry on practising.

GMC RULES DOCTOR INVOLVED IN RUGBY BLOOD SCANAL CAN RETURN TO WORK
The Harlequins winger Tom Williams had bitten on the blood capsules so another player could be brought on during a match in April last year. A disciplinary panel said fitness to practise had not been impaired.

DISCIPLINARY PANEL WILL CONSIDER TODAY WHETHER TO ISSUE WARNING TO KENT DOCTOR AT CENTRE OF BLOODGATE
an A&E consultant at Maidstone Hospital, who cut the lip of Harlequin's player Tom Williams to cover up a bogus injury, was told by the GMC yesterday that she could practice medicine again. Reporter - the independent panel at the GMC decided that what did back in April 2009 amounted to serious misconduct.

PETITION TAKEN TO DOWNING STREET BY CAMPAIGNERS FROM GOSPORT
They're calling for a change in the law on the treatment of the terminally ill. Families of patients who died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital want regulations to require doctors to get consent from patients and their families before administering a course of drugs. INTERVIEW: ANNE REEVES, MOTHER ELYSEE DEVINE DIED - we'll be walking from the Royal Courts of Justice up to Downing Street.

GMC: 74 article(s)

Bloodgate doctor will keep job
A medic who admitted cutting a rugby player's lip in the "Bloodgate" scandal, escaped the sack yesterday after being hailed a "good and useful doctor." faced being struck off for slicing the lip of Harlequins winger Tom Williams, 25. But a General Medical Council panel ruled that her fitness to practise wasn't impaired.

Payout victory for family in 17-year MMR jab battle
A couple whose son suffered devastating brain damage after having the MMR vaccine have won a 17-year-battle for compensation.

Panel allows doctor at heart of 'Bloodgate' scandal to continue practising medicine
The doctor embroiled in the fake blood scandal at Harlequins, still has a career to pursue. The General Medical Council yesterday decreed that her ability to practise had not been impaired by her behaviour towards the end of the Heineken Cup quarter-final between Quins and Leinster in April of last year.

The Independent - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Let off for doctor who put the real blood in Bloodgate
The doctor who deliberately cut a rugby player’s lip in the ‘Bloodgate’ scandal was yesterday told she could continue to practise.

Daily Mail - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

A General Medical Council disciplinary panel yesterday ruled that the pathologist who carried out the first autopsy on a man who died at last year’s G20 protest, acted in a way that amounted to misconduct in two earlier post-mortem examinations. The panel also ruled that Dr Patel had displayed deficient professional performance in a third postmortem examination.

The Independent - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Substitute ‘expert’ for doctor hearing
A cardiologist accused of abusing pioneering heart surgery to further his own career will face fresh evidence from a new expert witness, the General Medical Council has ruled.

The Plymouth Herald South West - United Kingdom - 28/08/2010

A disciplinary panel was making a ruling today on the fitness to practise of the pathologist who first ruled newspaper seller died from natural causes at the G20 protest.

Evening Chronicle North East - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

The Home Office pathologist who bungled a post mortem into a man’s death at the G20 protest has been found guilty of misconduct in other cases. The GMC said three more post mortems by who was suspended, were “irresponsible”.

The Sun - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

G20 death pathologist is criticised
The pathologist who carried out the first autopsy on a man who died at last year’s London G20 protests - was criticised yesterday by the General Medical Council for his previous conduct. A disciplinary panel said he acted “with misconduct” during postmortems in 2003 and 2005. It added he had displayed “deficient professional performance” in a third.

Daily Mirror - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Doctors await fate A MEDICAL panel was ruling today September and could be struck
A medical panel was ruling today on the fitness to practise of two doctors.

Evening Gazette North East - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

A former medical director of a mental health trust has been struck off by the General Medical Council after complaints of sexual harassment against patients and staff were upheld.
G20 pathologist may be struck off after panel finds him guilty of misconduct in three cases

The pathologist involved in a dispute over the death of [Code A] at the G20 protests has been found guilty of misconduct by the General Medical Council.

The Times - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Carry on, doc

A female doctor at the centre of the "bloodgate" rugby scandal escaped the sack yesterday. [Code A] sliced the lip of Harlequins winger Tom Williams, 25, to fake an injury. But a General Medical Council panel in Manchester ruled her fitness to practise was not impaired. It heard she was "severely depressed" at the time.

Daily Star - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Rugby scandal doctor saves her career

[Code A] the doctor at the centre of the Bloodgate scandal, has been told by the General Medical Council that she is free to practise medicine again.

The Times - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

G20 pathologist unfit to practise

The pathologist who ruled G20 newspaper seller [Code A] died from natural causes was today found to have his fitness to practise impaired. [Code A] now faces being struck off after a General Medical Council disciplinary panel ruled he had behaved "irresponsibly" during three other post-mortem examinations.

Evening Standard London - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

Doctor, can you cut my lip/tummy/breasts?*

Comment on [Code A] and the way our relationship with the medical profession has changed.

The Times - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Doctor in rugby blood scandal reinstated

The doctor at the centre of rugby union's "Bloodgate" controversy can return to medicine, the General Medical Council disciplinary panel has ruled, bringing to a close an episode that for a short while threatened to inflict serious damage on the integrity of the sport. The controversy appears to have little impact on the sport's ability to attract commercial and media partners. Aviva is the new title sponsor of the Premiership and ESPN launches its first year of live coverage with Saturday's curtainraiser, the double-header at Twickenham.

Financial Times - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Bloodgate rugby doctor can return to work

The doctor at the centre of the Bloodgate rugby scandal has been told she can practise medicine again.

The Herald Scotland - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

G20 pathologist's conduct censured

A General Medical Council disciplinary panel ruled yesterday that [Code A] the pathologist who carried out the first autopsy on [Code A] the man who died at last year's G20 protests in London, had acted in a way that amounted to misconduct during two earlier post-mortem examinations, and that his fitness to practise was impaired.

Financial Times - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

When the pressure to win collides with a doctor's Hippocratic Oath

Doctors are not gods, but God help us if we cannot trust them. Up until Tuesday, an English doctor who deliberately cut the lip of a rugby player to cover up a fake injury had feared for almost six months that she would be banned from ever practicing medicine again.

International Herald Tribune - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

'Misconduct' ruling for G20 death expert

The pathologist criticised for his postmortem examination of a man who died at the G20 protests was yesterday found guilty of misconduct. [Code A] could be struck off after the General Medical Council ruled that his fitness to practise was impaired after its inquiry into three other autopsies he performed. Richard Davies, head of the GMC panel, told [Code A] yesterday it was "not satisfied that there is no risk of the relevant conduct being repeated".

Metro London - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

'Fake injury' doctor will return to work

The doctor at the centre of the fake injury rugby scandal was yesterday told she can practise medicine again. [Code A] who cut the lip of Harlequins player Tom Williams to cover up a bogus blood injury last year, had faced being struck off by a General Medical Council disciplinary panel. But she was told that her fitness to practise was not impaired despite her actions.
RUGBY UNION: The doctor at [...

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Metro London - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

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Metro London - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Lord Lyell of Markyate
Obituary of former Attorney-General Lord Lyell of Markyate.

The Daily Telegraph - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Misconduct of G20 protest doctor
[Code A] the pathologist who performed the first post mortem examination on [Code A] after his death at last year's G20 protest, was guilty of misconduct during two earlier examinations, a General Medical Council disciplinary panel ruled.

The Daily Telegraph - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Back in game
The match day doctor at the centre of the fake rugby injury scandal was yesterday cleared to practise medicine again. A General Medical Council disciplinary panel ruled that [Code A] fitness to practise was not impaired despite her actions, which it said were not in the best interests of her patient.

The Daily Telegraph - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor wins fight to practise
[Code A] the doctor at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' scandal, has been cleared to practise medicine by a General Medical Council disciplinary panel.

The Daily Telegraph Sport - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

G20 death case doctor guilty of misconduct
[Code A] criticised for his autopsy on the body of [Code A] who died at the G20 protests in London was found guilty of misconduct and "deficient professional performance" yesterday.

The Guardian - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Doctor in 'bloodgate' rugby scandal cleared to go back to work
The doctor at the centre of the Harlequins "bloodgate" rugby scandal was told yesterday at a General Medical Council hearing that she could return to practising medicine.

The Guardian - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor can still practise medicine
"Bloodgate" rugby doctor [Code A] can return to practise medicine, a General Medical Council Fitness To Practise panel ruled.

Western Morning News South West - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

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Western Daily Press South West - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

GMC says pathologist was 'irresponsible'
A General Medical Council disciplinary panel yesterday ruled [Code A] the pathologist who carried out the first autopsy on [Code A] who died at last year's G20 protest - acted in a way that amounted to misconduct during two earlier post-mortem examinations and his fitness to practise is impaired.

Western Daily Press South West - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Traffic control measures: calm before the storm
I make no apology for returning to one of my "favourite" subjects, as it's our money that is continually wasted on alleged road improvements.
Ruling on G20 pathologist
A GENERAL Medical Council disciplinary panel yesterday ruled that a pathologist who carried out the first autopsy on a newspaper seller who died at last year’s G20 protest acted in a way that amounted to misconduct during two earlier postmortem examinations and his fitness to practise is impaired.

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GMC to make ruling on G20 protest pathologist
A disciplinary panel will make a ruling on the fitness to practise of the pathologist who first ruled that newspaper seller died from natural causes at the G20 protest in central London.

"Blood" doctor free to carry on working -GMC
A doctor who deliberately cut the lip of a Harlequins rugby player to cover up a fake injury can continue to practise medicine, the General Medical Council said on Tuesday.

Bloodgate doc is off the hook
THE doctor at the centre of the Bloodgate rugby scandal can practise medicine again.
The matchday doctor at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' fake rugby injury scandal has been told she can practise medicine again.

The Scotsman - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Pathologist’s fitness impaired: GMC
A General Medical Council disciplinary panel has ruled the pathologist who carried out the first autopsy on who died at last year’s G20 protest, acted in a way that amounted to misconduct during two earlier post-mortem examinations and his fitness to practise is impaired.

The Scotsman - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

'Bloodgate' rugby doctor can carry on practising
The matchday doctor at the centre of the "Bloodgate" fake rugby injury scandal was told today she can practise medicine again.

The Independent - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

Panel allows doctor at heart of 'Bloodgate' scandal to continue practising medicine
The doctor embroiled in the fake blood scandal at Harlequins, still has a career to pursue.

The Independent - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

Lord Lyell of Markyate
As Solicitor-General in 1990, Sir Nicholas Lyell persuaded four ministers to sign Public Interest Immunity certificates withholding documents from the defence of three businessmen accused by Customs of exporting machine tools to Iraq in breach of an arms embargo.

Telegraph - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

Bloodgate doctor cleared by General Medical Council to practise medicine
Chapman admitted to cutting the lip of Harlequins wing Tom Williams to cover up a bogus 'blood injury' in the Heineken Cup quarter-final defeat by Leinster last season and later lied about her role in the controversy.

Telegraph - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

'BLOODGATE' DOCTOR CAN CARRY ON
Cut the lip of Harlequins player Tom Williams to cover up a bogus blood injury and later lied about her role in the event.

Sporting Life - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor avoids being struck off by GMC Can practise medicine again Related links Also see The doctor at the centre of the Harlequins 'Bloodgate' scandal has avoided being struck off by the General Medical Council.

Sky Sports - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

HFC: 'Bloodgate' doctor free to practise medicine again
The doctor at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' scandal has been cleared to return to work by the General Medical Council (GMC).

Scrum.com - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

Nurses risk registration by breaching rules for Botox
Hundreds of nurses are risking their registration by bending prescribing rules to deliver facelifts on the cheap, Nursing Times has discovered.

Nursing Times - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

UK & World News: Pathologist's fitness impaired: GMC
A General Medical Council disciplinary panel has ruled the pathologist who carried out the first autopsy on who died at last year’s G20 protest, acted in a way that amounted to misconduct during two earlier post-mortem examinations and his fitness to practise is impaired.
**Newcastle Evening Chronicle** - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

**G20 pathologist guilty of misconduct**
The pathologist involved in a row over the death of a man at the G20 protests has been found guilty of misconduct by the General Medical Council.

**Manchester Wired** - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor allowed to practise again
Bloodgate doctor said she was ashamed of her actions The General Medical Council (GMC) has ruled that the doctor at the centre of the rugby 'Bloodgate' scandal can practise medicine again.

**Manchester Wired** - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

G20 pathologist guilty of misconduct
The pathologist who botched a post-mortem examination of G20 newspaper vendor was today found guilty of misconduct by the General Medical Council.

**Mail Online UK** - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

Bloodgate doctor given all clear to continue practising after cutting rugby player's lip
The matchday doctor at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' fake rugby injury scandal was today told she can practise medicine again.

**Mail Online UK** - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

Pathologist who botched G20 post-mortem on guilty of misconduct by GMC
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**Mail Online UK** - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

Bloodgate doctor avoids being struck off
Ruling said did not act in patient's best interest Fitness to practice not impaired despite actions, says GMC The doctor at the centre of the "Bloodgate" rugby scandal has been told she can practise medicine again.

**Guardian.co.uk** - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

Doctor in rugby blood scandal reinstated
Extract not available.

**Financial Times** - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

Bloodgate rugby doctor allowed to practise
A doctor who cut the lip of a Harlequins rugby union player to cover up a fake blood injury has been told by the General Medical Council she can return to practising medicine.

**Channel 4** - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor escapes a ban
'said she was ashamed of her actions The General Medical Council (GMC) has ruled that the doctor at the centre of the rugby 'Bloodgate' scandal can practise medicine again.

**BBC** - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

Why Didn't Bloodgate Doctor 'Gouge Out Williams' Eyes, Ask Puzzled Rugby Fans?'
the doctor who inserted an injury to Harlequins' Rugby player Tom Williams in a brazen act of cheating is free to practise medicine.

**Anorak** - United Kingdom - 31/08/2010

Doctors 3 article(s)

**Lifeline for medical hopefuls**
Beckett College has launched a special foundation programme to help would-be doctors who are facing more competition for places.
NEWS G20 doctor is found guilty
The pathologist who carried out the post-mortem test on a man who died at the G20 protests was found guilty of misconduct in three other cases. [Code A] could be struck off.

Metro London - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

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