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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

GMC Council member Ros Levenson took part in an interview yesterday on United Christian Broadcasters Radio to promote the GMC's drive to recruit members to the new Reference Community. There is no 'listen again' facility, but the press office is hoping to obtain a recording of the piece.

There is extensive national coverage of the Care Quality Commission's report into the death of Baby P, who is now being named as Peter. The report is highly critical of the part played by Great Ormond Street Hospital and has found that any one of the health professionals to have attended to Peter could have 'gone beyond what was required' by the system to raise concerns that he was being abused. Several newspapers note that two of the doctors to have seen Peter, Code A and Jerome Ikwueke, have been suspended by the GMC.

The Daily Express and the *Evening Standard* report on the high costs associated with suspending doctors and cites figures from the GMC.

The fitness to practise case of Dr Christine Nakaggwa is reported in the *Cambridge News*.

A letter published in the BMJ online discusses the matter of target payments being given to GPs, and quotes a response to the author, who had written to the GMC, which in turn quotes *Good Medical Practice*.
http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/338/may12_1/b1918

The *Sunday World* reported that Arthur Rafferty, an asbestosis sufferer, claims the GMC is investigating complaints against five doctors who were involved in his care.



Arthur Rafferty
 Sunday World.p...

Broadcast Mentions

Wave 105 Radio mentions the outcome of the fitness to practise hearing of Dr Robert Briggs, who was erased from the register: <http://www.wave105.com/Article.asp?id=1285441&spid=25629>

Times Letters page

There are no letters to note today.

Other News

The death of a man who died after being diagnosed with indigestion by a doctor at Gosport War Memorial Hospital is being investigated by health managers, according to *The Daily Telegraph*.

A letter from Professor Desmond O'Neill in *The Independent* attempts to dispel some of the stereotypes associated with illnesses associated with old age, such as dementia.

The North Belfast News reports that the Northern Ireland Ombudsman has investigated the care received by John Aicken in the Mater Hospital in February 2007.



John Aicken
North Belfast Ne...

Headlines:

Doctors

Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 13/05/2009

Number of words : 130

Patient with 'indigestion' dies

The death of a man who collapsed in his mother's arms 10 minutes after a doctor allegedly told him he had indigestion is to be investigated by health managers.

End of Life

The Independent

Delivery date : 13/05/2009

Number of words : 254

A life worth living despite disability

Letter from Professor Desmond O'Neill, Department of Gerontology, Trinity College Dublin: "Your report on Philip Nitschke ("Dr Death", 6 May) perpetuates simplistic stereotypes of how older people cope with disabling illness in later life."

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Daily Mail

Delivery date : 13/05/2009

Number of words : 1013

34 missed chances to save Baby P

Doctors and other health workers missed up to 34 chances to save Baby P's life, a report into the NHS's handling of the tragedy found yesterday. On one occasion the toddler - who can now be named as Peter - waited eight weeks for a hospital referral because it 'was not seen as an urgent child protection medical' issue, according to an official report.

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Evening Standard

Delivery date : 12/05/2009

Number of words : 129

Suspended doctors cost taxpayer £8.2m

NHS trusts are paying millions of pounds each year on doctors suspended for alleged misconduct. The General Medical Council regulator deals with serious cases and any doctor it suspends receives no pay. It said 94 per cent of its cases are heard within 15 months.

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Evening Standard

Delivery date : 12/05/2009

Number of words : 1634

Doctors raised alarm over 'high risk' at Baby P clinic

Managers at Great Ormond Street Hospital ignored top-level warnings about "high-risk" failings at the clinic where its staff missed Baby P's fatal injuries. The locum doctor who failed to spot Baby P's broken back, Dr Sabah al-Zayyat, testified at the trial of his abusers that she had no patient records for him and no idea that he was on the at-risk register when she saw him at the clinic. She is now the subject of a General Medical Council inquiry.

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The Guardian

Delivery date : 13/05/2009

Number of words : 722

Great Ormond Street criticised in NHS report into death of Baby P

A world famous children's hospital comes under heavy criticism today for its part in the systematic failures that led to the death of Baby P. Great Ormond Street hospital in London provided paediatric staff to hospitals where the toddler, whose name was Peter, was taken with injuries that are now known to have been deliberately inflicted.

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The Independent

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Number of words : 443

Great Ormond Street blamed in Baby P case

Great Ormond Street Hospital bears a major share of the responsibility for the death of Baby P who died after suffering prolonged abuse which went undetected despite 35 visits to the NHS, an inquiry has concluded. In a critical report, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) - the inspectorate for the NHS and social care - said doctors and other healthcare staff employed by Great Ormond Street Hospital For Children NHS Trust who treated Baby P missed dozens of opportunities to detect the abuse before his death, aged 17 months, in August 2007. Great Ormond Street apologised for its role in the catastrophe and said it was increasing investment in a strengthened child protection service.

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The Times

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Number of words : 1209

Baby P's life could have been saved by anyone willing to go beyond call of duty

Health workers missed dozens of opportunities to identify abuse being suffered by Baby P before his death because of "systemic failings" in the care given to the child, an official report has found.

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Cambridge News

Delivery date : 08/05/2009

Number of words : 311

Doctor could be struck off

A doctor who assaulted her daughter inside Huntingdon police station after she was given deportation orders has been thrown out of the medical profession. The General Medical Council found Nakaggwa, of Parkside Grammar School Walk, Huntingdon, guilty of misconduct and suspended her from the medical register at a meeting in London.

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Daily Express

Delivery date : 13/05/2009

Number of words : 352

Taxpayers' £8.2m bill to pay for suspended GPs

Hundreds of suspended doctors are being paid to stay at home at a cost of millions of pounds, it was revealed yesterday. In the last three years alone, 134 GPs were suspended at a cost of £8.2million or about £60,000 each. One Birmingham doctor, suspended for four-and-a-half years, has cost at least £600,000.

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