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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

The *Nursing Standard* mentions the government's consultation into the future of the Office of the Health Professions Adjudicator (OHPA), the body that was set to take over the GMC's (and later the NMC's) adjudication functions.

The Guardian reports that a BBC investigation has found Dr Freddy Patel, the pathologist currently being investigated by the GMC and who was the first to examine the body of the man who died during last years G20 protests, was not qualified to be on the Home Office list of forensic experts. The report also claims the GMC could have prevented Patel from conducting further forensic autopsies in 2005, following a complaint over misdiagnosis in another case. The investigation will be broadcast on Radio 4's *The Report*, tonight at 8pm.

<http://www.u.tv/News/Ian-Tomlinson-pathologist-not-qualified-to-be-on-Home-Office-list-claims-BBC/8de9bab6-9c62-47aa-a156-99719a601b37>

The link to 'The Report's' homepage is: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00jkr1q>

The Daily Telegraph and *The News* (Portsmouth) both report on the Crown Prosecution Service's decision not to prosecute Dr Jane Barton, as reported in yesterday's press. There are further mentions online at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-11008943>

http://www.portsmouthnews.tv/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1947:war-memorial-gp-will-not-be-charged-with-manslaughter&catid=34:front-page-news

<http://www.dailystar.co.uk/latestnews/view/149673/No-charges-over-hospital-deaths/>

Fitness to Practise

- Dr Anthony Cronin's Investigation Committee hearing is mentioned in the *Daily Echo* (Bournemouth) – no further action was taken
- Dr Cedric Quick, several allegations relating to prescribing – erased from the register (*Northern Constitution*). See attached article.

Broadcast Mentions

BBC Radio 2's 'Jeremy Vine' show and Radio Solent report on the Crown Prosecution Service's decision not to prosecute Dr Jane Barton, in relation to the deaths of 12 elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. The families of the deceased have suggested they might appeal the decision at the European Court of Human Rights. The news item notes that Dr Barton was registered with conditions after a GMC hearing earlier this year.

ITV1 Anglia West and Central West both report on **Code A** escaping disciplinary action by regulators in Germany, as reported in yesterday's press.

Letters pages

There are relevant health letters to note.

Other News

The Guardian and the *Mail* online report on Code A escaping disciplinary action in Germany.
<http://www.mailonsunday.co.uk/news/worldnews/article-1303988/Killer-doctor-Daniel-Ubani-dodges-hearing-struck-off.html>

The Wales online website reports that health boards in the country are spending up to £1million a month on locum doctors.
<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/2010/08/18/some-health-boards-spend-1m-a-month-on-locum-doctors-91466-27083585/>

The victim of a snake bite has complained after claiming doctors failed to diagnose an adder bite (*The Star*).

Headlines:

MTN - Broadcast,GMC (Press) 4 article(s)

GOSPORT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FORMER DOCTOR WILL NOT BE PROSECUTED FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Ten patients of Dr Jane Barton died at the hospital. The Crown Prosecution Service said there wasn't enough evidence to bring a case against Dr Barton. STUDIO INTERVIEW: DAVID FENTON, CORRESPONDENT - the CPS had already decided in 2006 that there wasn't enough evidence to prosecute Dr Barton. There was a hearing at the General Medical Council. They are not very happy about it. INTERVIEW: IAN WILSON, FATHER ROBERT DIED AT HOSPITAL - this has been covered up for 11 years. It's been covered up by the Government. There could be an appeal against this decision at the European Court of Human Rights.

BBC Radio Solent - DRIVETIME - United Kingdom - 18/08/2010

Code A STRUCK OFF BY GMC

code A has avoided a hearing in Germany.

ITV 1 Anglia West - Anglia Tonight - United Kingdom - 18/08/2010

Code A THE GERMAN DOCTOR WHO KILLED A PATIENT WHILE WORKING AS A LOCUM IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

He has already been struck off by the General Medical Council in Britain, but continues to practise in Germany. Today's hearing into his competency has now been declared unlawful by authorities there.

ITV 1 Anglia West - Anglia News - United Kingdom - 18/08/2010

GERMAN DOCTOR WHO KILLED PATIENT UNLIKELY TO BE STRUCK OFF IN HOME COUNTRY

Code A was working as an out of hours locum when he gave Code A an overdose of pain killers. The German equivalent of the General Medical Council was due to consider his fitness to practice today. INTERVIEW: Code A
Code A SON - I find it personally sickening and I can't understand how such a system can be in place.

ITV 1 Central West - Central Tonight - United Kingdom - 18/08/2010

GMC 6 article(s)

'King Arthur' doc works at hospital

A paediatrician hauled before the General Medical Council accused of bullying his former colleagues as though he were King Arthur and they Knights of the Round Table is now working at Poole Hospital.

Bournemouth Daily Echo South West - United Kingdom - 16/08/2010

No charges for drug deaths GP

Prosecutors have decided that no criminal charges will be brought against GP Dr Jane Barton, who is at the centre of an investigation into the deaths of patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital from overdoses. The announcement comes despite a General Medical Council panel finding her guilty of multiple instances of serious professional misconduct relating to 12 patients.

The Daily Telegraph - United Kingdom - 19/08/2010

U-TURN OVER FITNESS TO PRACTISE

Plans for a new body to oversee fitness to practise cases involving doctors and later nurses could be scrapped as part of the coalition government's bid to save money.

Nursing Standard - United Kingdom - 18/08/2010

First [Code A](#) pathologist 'not qualified for Home Office work'

A forensic pathologist who claimed that [Code A](#) died of a heart attack at the G20 protests was not qualified to be on a Home Office list of forensic experts, a BBC investigation is to claim.

The Guardian - United Kingdom - 19/08/2010

No charges will be brought against hospital deaths GP

Criminal charges will not be brought against the GP at the centre of a probe into patients' deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. Relatives of those who died at the Bury Road hospital had been pursuing a criminal case against the former family GP. It comes after a General Medical Council panel found her guilty of multiple instances of serious professional misconduct relating to 12 patients who died at the War Memorial hospital.

The News Hampshire - United Kingdom - 18/08/2010

Fury over decision not to prosecute hospital deaths GP

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The News Hampshire Havant - United Kingdom - 18/08/2010

Doctors 2 article(s)

Agony of viper bite

A snakebite victim has made a formal complaint to health chiefs after claiming that doctors twice failed to spot she had been attacked by an adder.

Daily Star - United Kingdom - 19/08/2010

Court ruling may mean overdose GP avoids competence hearing

A fitness to practise hearing for the German doctor who accidentally killed a patient on his first UK shift as a locum GP was cancelled by a judge yesterday.

The Guardian - United Kingdom - 19/08/2010

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