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Press Cuttings Summary

Friday 2 April 2010

Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

- *Calderdale Evening Courier* reports on the death of Dr Ann Christine Evans and notes that she was a specialist adviser to the GMC.
- The *Yorkshire Post* claims that over £1million has been paid to suspended NHS staff in Yorkshire, including 20 excluded hospital doctors and GPs. A response from Leeds hospitals mentions that regulatory processes have to be followed and mentions the GMC.

BMJ (2 April 2010)

- An article on peer review refers to the Lancet article on the MMR vaccine by [Code A] and the subsequent FTP case in which he was found guilty of serious professional misconduct in January.
- A *From the Frontline* column by Dr Des Spence says that the GMC should take the lead on a properly enforced national register of conflicts of interest for all doctors to help protect the profession.
- An article states that the GMC has had to disclose documents relating to former panellist Mr Brightmore, who was dismissed as a panellist for not disclosing the extent of his links with the Church of Scientology. The article notes that the GMC has written to 70 doctors where Mr Brightmore was involved in their cases telling them he had his contract as a panellist terminated in 2004.
- A Cath Janes article on terminating your contact with a difficult patient says that the GMC advises that doctors should be prepared to justify their decision to remove a patient from their GP list.
- An article by Swayamjyoti Ray on the use of role models in teaching doctors and students highlights the six sets of behaviours the GMC has outlined in what she refers to as the 'Duties of a Doctor' publication from 2006.

Health service Journal (31 March 2010)

- Reports that Dr Clare Gerada has been elected the first female chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners in 50 years. Dr Gerada will replace [Code A] in November 2010.

Fitness to Practise:

- **Dr Abdul-Salam** - *South Wales Argus* reports that Shiree Hanbury, mother of nine-month old Aleesha Evans who died after being sent home from hospital by Dr Abdul-Salam, has claimed that the four month suspension given by a GMC FTP Panel is insulting and robs her of justice. The paper's editorial column highlights its support for Ms Hanbury.
- **Dr Jane Barton** - , NHS Hampshire has confirmed in the *Southern Daily Echo* that Dr Jane Barton, who was found guilty of serious professional misconduct by a GMC FTP Panel, has now retired from practice. It highlights that the case against Dr Barton was brought following an investigation into the deaths of 12 patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital between 1996 and 1999.
- **Dr Joe Motwani** - The *Daily Telegraph*, *Western Morning News* and *Plymouth Herald* report that Dr Joe Motwani faces being struck off by the GMC following a review of interventional cardiology procedures at Derriford Hospital

between 2001 and 2007. The story in the *Plymouth Herald* notes the GMC release stating the charges and that the FTP Panel will commence in June.

- **Dr Alistair Waygood** - *The Herald* reports that Dr Waygood has been struck off the GP register after a Panel decided his fitness to practise was impaired 'by reason of misconduct, cautions for criminal offences and adverse physical or mental health'. The story states that the police cautions were for drunken and disorderly behaviour.

Broadcast Mentions

- There are no broadcast mentions.

Letters pages

- A letter by Professor Jon Rhodes, President of Royal College of Gastroenterology, call for increased support for hospital patients with alcohol related problems to try and address an increase in deaths due to liver disease.

Other News

- *Daily Mail* reports that Royal College of Physicians has expressed concerns that patients lives could be put at risk through future health cuts.
- A study in three London hospitals showing that patient care checklists have cut patient deaths by 15% is reported by *The Independent*, *Daily Telegraph* and *Daily Mail*.
- *Daily Telegraph* and *The Independent* report that Secretary of State for Health, Andy Burnham MP, has stated that he is minded to legislate that all acupuncturists and herbal medicine providers in England should have to register with the Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council.
- *The Independent* highlights that 12 Flagship NHS Trusts are among 22 Trusts ordered to improve their standards of patient care by the Care Quality Commission in England.
- The Royal College of Surgeons and College of Emergency Medicine have said that all patients admitted to hospital with alcohol related illnesses should receive advice on alcohol use. The report in the *Daily Express* states that the effect of alcohol misuse cost £20billion per year.
- The *Daily Mirror* highlights that patients in England are now entitled to treatment with 18 weeks of seeing their GP, and two weeks if they are suspected of having cancer, under new rights that came into effect on 1 April.
- *Evening Standard* reports that 7,000 patients have had to move GPs because NHS Harrow has closed their surgery due to a personal dispute between GPs.

Headlines:

Doctors

Daily Mail

Delivery date : 02/04/2010

Number of words : 752

Health cuts 'will put lives at risk'

The Royal College of Physicians has warned that patient's lives will be at risk if the NHS goes ahead with secret plans to sack hundreds of doctors and nurses and close dozens of wards. A shock survey, in the respected Health Service Journal magazine, revealed that managers at cash-strapped NHS trusts were planning a devastating wave of cuts after the election.

Miscellaneous

Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 02/04/2010

Number of words : 318

Tighter laws planned for acupuncture and herbal medicine

New moves to tighten the regulation of acupuncture, Chinese medicine and herbal medicine were signalled by the Government. Andy Burnham, the Health Secretary, said he was "minded to legislate" so all practitioners supplying unlicensed medicines had to register with the Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council.

NHS issues

Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 02/04/2010

Number of words : 295

Checklists for hospital staff help cut death rates

Treatment checklists for hospital patients can significantly cut death rates, according to a new study. The checklists require that doctors or nurses to sign to say they had carried out certain treatments. For example, the checklist for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease said patients should be given a chest X-ray within four hours of admission to hospital. Some lists required staff to confirm that they had washed their hands. The lists were introduced in three hospitals run by The North West London Hospitals NHS Trust and developed for a number of serious conditions, including strokes and heart failure, and the study found that death rates had fallen by 14.5 per cent after the lists were introduced.

NHS issues

The Independent

Delivery date : 02/04/2010

Number of words : 691

Watchdog tells 12 NHS flagship hospitals to raise standards

Twelve NHS trusts with "foundation" status - supposed to denote gold standard medical treatment and care of patients - have failed to get a clean bill of health from the new regulator of the health service. They are among 22 trusts that have been ordered to improve their standards of patient care or face sanctions by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), which was set up last year to oversee improvements in the monitoring of the country's healthcare system.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 03/04/2010

Number of words : 2406

End of the peer review show?

Several recent high profile cases have raised questions about the effectiveness of peer review in ensuring the quality of published research. Mark Henderson investigates, noting the General Medical Council.

Doctors

Daily Express

Delivery date : 02/04/2010

Number of words : 187

Patients face 'ticking off' over alcohol risks

Patients admitted to hospital with alcohol poisoning or alcohol-related illnesses and injuries are set to receive alcohol advice from health experts. The Royal College of Surgeons and the College of Emergency Medicine say giving alcohol advice should now be a routine practice. Treating the effects of alcohol misuse costs the state about £20bn a year.

Miscellaneous

The Times

Delivery date : 02/04/2010

Number of words : 246

Hospitals need alcohol specialists

Reader's letter on the rise in alcohol misuse and the increase in liver disease.

NHS issues

Daily Mirror

Delivery date : 02/04/2010

Number of words : 118

Treatment in 18 weeks of GP visit

New NHS rights which came into force yesterday will guaranteed treatment for all patients within 18 weeks of seeing a GP.

NHS issues

Evening Standard

Delivery date : 01/04/2010

Number of words : 152

NHS forced to close village surgery after doctors fall out

Thousands of patients have had to move surgeries with less than three days' notice after a practice closed because of a "personal dispute" between GPs. The move at The Village Surgery in Pinner followed the departure of two of its three partners - Dr Paul Sheridan and Dr Lily Wong - because of the alleged row. It will affect about 7,000 patients who have been temporarily diverted to another practice. Patients criticised NHS Harrow for closing the surgery.

GMC

Evening Courier

Delivery date : 01/04/2010

Number of words : 324

Well-known Dr Kit dies in hospital

The life of a former Calderdale doctor - who was one of the first female fellows of the Royal College of Psychiatrists - was being celebrated today. Since retiring from the NHS in the late 1990s, Dr Ann Christine Evans had a Calderdale-based medico-legal practice and was a specialist adviser to the General Medical Council.

Colleges & Regulators

HSJ Health Service Journal

Delivery date : 31/03/2010

Number of words : 42

GPs elect woman

The Royal College of General Practitioners has elected its first female chair in 50 years.

GMC

South Wales Argus

Delivery date : 01/04/2010

Number of words : 478

Mum's fury at Mum's fury at misconduct misconduct doctor verdict doctor verdict

For Shiree Hanbury, the pain of her nine-month-old daughter Aleesha Evans' unnecessary death in August 2006 is still raw - and she says the "insulting" four-month suspension of the doctor in the case robs her of justice.

GMC

South Wales Argus
 Delivery date : 01/04/2010
 Number of words : 218

Inadequate punishment

Comment: "We share the sense of injustice felt by the mother of Aleesha Evans at the trifling punishment handed down to the doctor whose failings contributed to the toddler's death."

GMC

South Wales Argus
 Delivery date : 01/04/2010
 Number of words : 105

4 MONTHS 4'IS AN INSULT' - MUM

The mother of a Newport child who died after being sent home from hospital without being diagnosed with a killer virus says the four-month suspension of the doctor responsible is an 'insult'.

GMC

Southern Daily Echo
 Delivery date : 31/03/2010
 Number of words : 170

Retirement for GP guilty of misconduct

The doctor at the centre of a probe into deaths at a Hampshire hospital will officially retire today.

Doctors

Daily Telegraph
 Delivery date : 02/04/2010
 Number of words : 54

Heart specialist to be struck off

A heart specialist is facing being struck off following an investigation into the deaths of six of his patients, it has emerged.

GMC

The Plymouth Herald
 Delivery date : 01/04/2010
 Number of words : 671

'Overall care is of a very high standard'

Derriford Hospital's medical chief said the in-depth review of Dr Motwani's patients found the vast majority received safe treatment.

GMC

The Plymouth Herald
 Delivery date : 01/04/2010
 Number of words : 915

DERRIFORD HEART DOCTOR IN MISCONDUCT PROBE

A top Plymouth heart doctor faces serious allegations of misconduct and risking multiple patients' care.

NHS issues

The Independent
 Delivery date : 02/04/2010
 Number of words : 95

Checklists cut mortality in hospitals

Research showed yesterday that treatment "checklists" have led to a 15 per cent fall in deaths in the North West London Hospitals NHS Trust. The aim of the lists is to reduce the number of avoidable deaths and to improve patient care.

Doctors

The Independent

Delivery date : 02/04/2010

Number of words : 54

Crackdown on herbal doctors

The Government has announced plans to tighten the law on acupuncture, herbal and Chinese medicines, by forcing providers to register with the Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council.

GMC

Western Morning News

Delivery date : 01/04/2010

Number of words : 435

Leading heart doctor in misconduct probe

A world leading hospital heart specialist who developed a pioneering treatment for angina has been accused of misconduct, putting the care of patients at risk and unethical research.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 03/04/2010

Number of words : 447

Politics of conflict

Medical comment column, noting Friends Provident.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 03/04/2010

Number of words : 188

GMC panellist did not disclose his links with Scientologists

Comment: "The General Medical Council has been forced to disclose documents it tried to keep secret about its handling of a case involving a lay panel member who was banned from hearing professional conduct cases after failing to disclose the extent of his links with the Church of Scientology."

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 03/04/2010

Number of words : 1707

Ending the doctor-patient relationship

Cath Janes guides you through the minefield of terminating your contact with a difficult patient, noting General Medical Council.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 03/04/2010

Number of words : 813

Role models

Cath Janes guides you through the minefield of terminating your contact with a difficult patient, noting General Medical Council.

GMC

The Herald

Delivery date : 02/04/2010

Number of words : 119

Alcoholic doctor struck off register

AN alcoholic doctor has been struck off the GP register after receiving two police cautions and a separate fine for drunken and disorderly behaviour.

GMC

Yorkshire Post

Delivery date : 02/04/2010

Number of words : 625

£1m bill for staff suspended by NHS in Yorkshire

TAXPAYERS are paying out more than £1m in salaries for dozens of suspended NHS staff in Yorkshire.

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