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## Press Cuttings Summary

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### Direct Mentions

#### Print & Online Mentions

Two articles in *Private Eye* mention the GMC. The first relates to the magazine's reporting of the University Hospitals Bristol (UHBB) Pathology Inquiry during the previous year. The article notes that an overseas paediatric pathologist employed by the hospital trust was reported to the GMC. The second article refers to the investigation into high mortality for paediatric cardiac surgery at John Radcliffe Hospital and mentions the author of a BMJ paper highlighting this trend was reported to the GMC.

*The News* (Portsmouth) reports on yesterday's march to 10 Downing Street by relatives of patients who died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. The relatives are calling for a change in the law that would require doctors to obtain consent from relatives before beginning end of life treatment.

*The Clinical Services Journal* notes the Care Quality Commission's report into the GP out of hours provider Take Care now, in relation to the death of Code A. The article mentions that Code A was erased from the medical register by the GMC.

The 'Dr Keith' advice column in *The Sun* discusses the issue of side-effects associated with drugs. Dr Keith jokingly cautions patients against immediately phoning the GMC to report their GP, for prescribing them medication with a long-list of side-effects.

The *Evening Star* notes that Dr Akmal Makhdom will act as lead representative for the British-Pakistani medical community on the GMC's Equality and Diversity forum.

#### Fitness to Practise

There are several national and local mentions about the conclusion of Code A hearing yesterday – the doctor was issued with a warning, which will remain on her registration for the next five years.

There is further coverage about the Dr 'Freddy' Patel hearing, which continues this week. An opinion piece in the *Daily Mail* criticises the current state of British justice in relation to the case of Code A.

#### Broadcast Mentions

There were several mentions across the radio and TV networks about the GMC's decision to place a warning on Code A registration, including debates on Channel 5's *The Wright Show* and BBC Radio Kent.

BBC One South reported that the relatives of patients who died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital handed in a petition to 10 Downing Street yesterday. The news item mentions Dr Jane Barton's previous fitness to practise hearing at the GMC.

#### Letters pages

There are relevant health letters today.

#### Other News

A teenage girl who was left with severe cerebral palsy after being born at Rochford Hospital has been awarded £4million in compensation (*Metro*).

#### Headlines:

MTN - Broadcast,GMC (Press) 3 article(s)

#### DOCTOR AT CENTRE OF RUGBY BLOOD GATE AFFAIR HOPES TO GET BACK TO WORK

The GMC gave her a formal warning. [Code A] cutting the lip of a Harlequins player.  
**ITV 1 - LONDON TONIGHT** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

#### FORMER ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY CONSULTANT GIVEN WARNING BY GMC

[Code A] had cut the lip of a rugby player. Reporter - [Code A] worked as a match day doctor for Harlequins Rugby club. At a match against Lenster [PHONETIC] she examined Harlequins player Tom Williams and cut his lip deliberately.  
**BBC Radio Kent - DRIVETIME** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

#### [Code A] BEFORE GMC HEARING

VV: [Code A] GP - I hope people will respect my privacy.  
**Sunrise London - News** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

GMC 40 article(s)

#### 'Bloodgate' doctor is cleared by the GMC

The matchday doctor at the centre of the "Bloodgate" fake rugby injury scandal has been told she can practise medicine again.  
**Belfast Telegraph Morning N.Ireland** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

#### Bloodgate doc not struck off RUGBY UNION: The doctor at the

The doctor at the centre of the Bloodgate scandal has escaped being struck off and had her suspension lifted by the General Medical Council.  
**City AM London** - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

#### Doctor in rugby blood-faking scandal escapes with a warning

[Code A] the doctor at the centre of the rugby "Bloodgate" scandal yesterday escaped with a formal warning.  
**Daily Mail** - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

#### G20 doc 'unfit to practise'

A General Medical Council panel has 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-mortems and his fitness to practise is impaired.  
**Belfast Telegraph Morning N.Ireland** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

#### A policeman lashes out. An innocent man dies. So why does no one seem to care?

Stephen Glover discusses the lack of public outrage over the death of [Code A]  
**Daily Mail** - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

#### G20 coroner'unlit1 hearing told

The pathologist who first ruled newspaper seller [Code A] died from natural causes at the G20 protest was yesterday said to be unfit to continue practising at a disciplinary hearing.  
**Cambridge News Cambs/Norfolk** - United Kingdom - 27/08/2010

#### THE doctor at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' [...]

The doctor at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' fake injury rugby scandal will have a formal warning over her conduct on her record for five years.  
**Daily Mail** - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

#### Investigation highlights failings in out-of-hours care

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has published its report into the GP out-of-hours provider.  
**Clinical Services Journal** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

#### Doctor in rugby scandal warned

Code A who was given permission by the General Medical Council to resume practising medicine despite admitting her role in rugby union's "Bloodgate" scandal, was issued with a formal warning yesterday by a GMC disciplinary panel.

**Financial Times** - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor can return to work

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

**Coventry Telegraph Midlands** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Northampton threaten to leave Franklin's Gardens in planning row

Northampton Saints may be forced to leave Franklin's Gardens, their home since the 1880s, at the end of the season if plans to increase the stadium's capacity to 17,500 are blocked.

**The Daily Telegraph Sport** - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

G20 pathologist 'unfit to practise'

The pathologist who carried out an examination on the body of Matlock man Code A has been told he is "unfit to practise".

**Derby Evening Telegraph Midlands** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

TAKE A DOSE OF PERSPECTIVE

Health feature in The Sun on leaflets that come with drugs listing "hundreds" of side-effects.

**The Sun** - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

Doctor escapes ban

The matchday doctor at the centre of the Bloodgate fake rugby injury scandal was told yesterday she can practise medicine again.

**East Anglian Daily Times Essex/Suffolk** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor can carry on practising

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

**Evening Courier Yorkshire** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

GMC wishes rugby scandal doctor well

Code A the doctor in the fake blood rugby scandal, was given best wishes for her future by the chairman of the GMC disciplinary panel that looked into her conduct. She spoke of her desire to resume her career once she has completed her recovery from breast cancer surgery.

**The Times** - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

Recognition for Suffolk doctor

A consultant who has led the way in promoting equality and diversity within the NHS has won recognition for his work.

**Evening Star Essex/Suffolk** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Bloodgate scandal exposes the deceit at the heart of sport

RIGHTLY or wrongly the ethos of almost all competitive sport is to try to get away with as much as possible.

**The Herald Scotland Sport** - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

Misconduct ruling against pathologist

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.

**Leicester Mercury Leicestershire** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Highly-rated Gaskell becomes Sale's youngest captain

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**Leicester Mercury Leicestershire** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor still fit to practise, tribunal rules

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**Liverpool Daily Post Merseyside** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor let-off

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

**Manchester Evening News Lancashire** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

New blow for G20 row doctor

The pathologist involved in a row over his examination of the body of [Code A] who died after being pushed over by a policeman at the London G20 protest in 2009, has been found guilty of misconduct by the General Medical Council.

**Manchester Evening News Lancashire** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Bloodgate doc gets 'all-clear'

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

**Oxford Mail South** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Rugby doc ok

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

**South Wales Argus Wales** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

THE matchday doctor at [...]

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**South Wales Echo Wales** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Doctor verdict

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

**Telegraph and Argus Yorkshire** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

GMC censures G20 doctor

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**The Argus Sussex** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor reprieved

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

**The Huddersfield Daily Examiner Yorkshire** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

[Code A] misconduct

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**The Journal North East** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Panel rules Bloodgate doctor fit to practise

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**The Journal North East** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

'Bloodgate' rugby doctor can practise medicine again after facing a GMC panel

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**Western Mail Wales** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Personal problems haunted rugby team's matchday medic

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**Western Mail Wales** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

'Bloodgate' scandal doctor can carry on practising

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**Western Mail Wales** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Ruling on 'bloodgate' rugby doc

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**Yorkshire Evening Post Yorkshire** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Medic verdict

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**Evening Chronicle North East** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Rugby doctor may be warned

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**Evening Gazette North East** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

## MEDICINEBALLS

Medical column, noting the General Medical Council.

**Private Eye** - United Kingdom - 03/10/2010

Code A pathologist's 'misconduct'

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**The News Hampshire** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

Bereaved families take their fight to London

Campaigning relatives of elderly patients who died at Gosport's War Memorial Hospital today called for a change in the law.

**The News Hampshire** - United Kingdom - 01/09/2010

NHS issues 1 article(s)

£4m for disabled teen

A teen with severe cerebral palsy has been granted £4million in compensation.

**Metro London** - United Kingdom - 02/09/2010

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