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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

Several national and regional newspapers report that the fitness to practice hearing of Code A commences today:

<http://www.dailyexpress.co.uk/posts/view/159752/Baby-P-doctor-due-to-face-GMC-panel>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8524712.stm>

<http://www.derbyshiretimes.co.uk/latest-national-news/Baby-P-doctor-due-to.6091911.jp>

The daughter of a woman who died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital under the care of Dr Jane Barton has called for a public enquiry into her death after the GMC "did not take the necessary step" in striking her off:

<http://www.eastbourneherald.co.uk/news/Calls-for-public-enquiry-over.6088277.jp>

Police are re-investigating the death of Carmel Bloom, who died following surgery in 2002. The article mentions that a recent GMC finding found the fitness to practice of her doctors, Paul Timmis and John Hines, was not impaired:

<http://www.ilfordrecorder.co.uk/content/redbridge/recorder/news/story.aspx?brand=RECOOnline&category=newsilford&tBrand=northlondon24&tCategory=newsilford&itemid=WeED19%20Feb%202010%2016%3A35%3A39%3A640>

The *Liverpool Daily Post* (online) reports on the adjourned hearing of Dr Gareth Fisher:

<http://www.liverpooldailypost.co.uk/liverpool-news/regional-news/2010/02/20/liverpool-doctor-found-with-cocaine-appears-before-gmc-panel-100252-25875719/>

<http://www.southportvisiter.co.uk/southport-news/southport-southport-news/2010/02/19/southport-hospital-doctor-faces-medical-hearing-after-being-caught-with-cocaine-during-night-out-in-liverpool-101022-25864158/>

The *BMJ* reports on the fitness to practice hearing of Dr Adam Osborne:

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/340/feb19_1/c1036

Broadcast Mentions

The fitness to practise hearing for Code A that commences today, receives several radio and TV mentions including the 'Today' programme, GMTV and Radio 5 Live.

Letters pages

There are no relevant letters today.

Other News

According to the *Telegraph*, more than a third of people are unable to see a GP outside normal working hours because they do not know who to contact. A survey by the Department of Health has found that a total of 369,620 about 35 per cent said they did not know how to contact the local out-of-hours service in their area.

Max Pemberton, in his *Telegraph* column questions the value of a test for medical school. He is critical of the usefulness of the UK Clinical Aptitude Test, an entrance exam introduced in 2006 in an attempt to increase diversity and ensure fairness in the selection process.

The *Telegraph* also reports that more than 30 people travelled to die with the help of Dignitas or Ex-International in 2009.

A lengthy article in the *Independent* describes the case of midwife Susan Rose who was struck off by the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Headlines:

Colleges & Regulators

The Independent

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'I'm a midwife, not a butcher

Susan Rose was vilified for presiding over a birth that sounded more like a bloodbath. Now, in her first interview since being struck off, she tells Emma Mahony why she feels let down by her profession. The baby in question was Daisy Anderson, now five, whose mother, Victoria, took her story to the media last month hoping to win compensation and force a change in the law which would compel self-employed midwives such as Ms Rose to take out insurance.

Doctors

Daily Telegraph

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Number of words : 110

Out-of-hours health care failing

More than a third of people are unable to see a GP outside normal working hours because they do not know who to contact, a government survey has revealed. More than one million people responded to the Department of Health survey about GP services for 2009-10. A total of 369,620 - about 35 per cent - said they did not know how to contact the local out-of-hours service in their area. Many authorities hire private firms to provide cover, but those arrangements are facing growing criticism. again.

Miscellaneous

Daily Telegraph

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FINGER ON THE PULSE

Max Pemberton questions the need for certain questions on entrance exams used by some medical schools.

Miscellaneous

Daily Telegraph

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Record number of Britons die in 'suicide' clinics

Record numbers of Britons ended their lives in Swiss "suicide clinics" last year as the campaign to decriminalise assisted dying gained ground. Figures obtained by The Daily Telegraph show that more than 30 people travelled to die with the help of Dignitas or Ex-International in 2009.

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