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## Press Cuttings Summary

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### Direct Mentions

#### Print Mentions

An opinion piece about Lord Darzi's decision to step down from his post as a minister, in The Guardian, notes that 'even doctors' leaders at the General Medical Council accept the need for greater openness as promoted by Darzi.'

The Guardian's Ins and Outs column notes the appointment of Niall Dickson to the position of Chief Executive for the GMC.

HSJ (online) features news of Paul Philip's secondment to the General Social Care Council.  
<http://www.hsj.co.uk/news/workforce/social-care-council-chief-suspended/5004269.article>

The Lancashire Evening Post, which covered Dr Jonathan Chahal's fitness to practise hearing, reports that the doctor is now working at the Royal Preston Hospital.

The Journal reports that Dr Shankar Kashyap has applied for a Judicial Review into a GMC determination that his fitness to practise is impaired.

The News (Portsmouth) continues to cover Dr Jane Barton's fitness to practise hearing.

A letter in the Leicester Mercury from Ian Rogers' wife Sue explains their involvement in Mr Murty's fitness to practise case: <http://www.thisisleicestershire.co.uk/letters/seven-year-ordeal/article-1182169-detail/article.html>

### Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions to note.

### Times Letters page and GMC published responses

A response to Neil Roberts' letter to The Daily Telegraph argues that 'it should open the floodgates to get retired doctors back on side...there are many administrative tasks GPs could drop to allow more time in this emergency.'

### Other News

Guidance from NICE, which alerts doctors and nurses to signs that children could be suffering from abuse, is likely to result in more children being taken into care, according to the Daily Mail.

Theodore Dalrymple, writing for the Daily Express, notes that Hannah Jones, the 13 year old girl who refused a potentially life-saving heart transplant last year, has changed her mind.

### Headlines:

Doctors

Daily Mail

Delivery date : 22/07/2009

Number of words : 481

Tighter rules on spotting abuse could put more children in care

More children are likely to be taken into care as a result of new guidance to doctors and nurses on signs of maltreatment.

GMC

The Guardian

Delivery date : 22/07/2009

Number of words : 656

Politics was a step down for Darzi

A comment on Ara Darzi's departure from the Department of Health last week. Is the Darzi message really embedded in the DNA? After 12 years of Labour, even doctors' leaders at the General Medical Council accept the need for greater openness as promoted by Darzi the establishment outsider (an Iraqi trained in Dublin, for heaven's sake), who insists that junior doctors should be encouraged to admit - and discuss - their mistakes.

GMC

Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 22/07/2009

Number of words : 380

Britain lacks health checks for travellers at airports and for hotel workers

SIR - Neil Roberts of the GMC (Letters, July 21) writes that doctors who have left the service for very good reasons may be called upon to rejoin the fray. When I consider how much work goes into reappraisal each year to keep the GMC sweet and allow me to practise, I think it naive that it should open the floodgates to get retired doctors back on side. It was fine in the war, when my father was given his licence to practise two years early, but this is not a war and there are many administrative tasks GPs could drop to allow more time in this emergency.

End of Life

Daily Express

Delivery date : 22/07/2009

Number of words : 823

Everyone is allowed a change of heart

A comment on a girl who has changed her mind after refusing to have the heart transplant that would save her life.

GMC

Lancashire Evening Post

Delivery date : 17/07/2009

Number of words : 449

'Laughing gas doctor' now works in Preston

A doctor who appeared before a medical watchdog for inhaling laughing gas on a children's ward is now working at the Royal Preston Hospital, it was revealed today. Dr Jonathan Chahal, 33, appeared before the General Medical Council in Manchester after it was reported he was seen inhaling the anaesthetic gas Entonox at Ormskirk District General Hospital.

GMC

The Journal

Delivery date : 21/07/2009

Number of words : 266

Surgeon launches court bid to vindicate reputation

A world renowned surgeon whose career was blighted by findings of "deficient professional performance" yesterday mounted a High Court bid to vindicate his reputation.

GMC

The Lancet

Delivery date : 18/07/2009

Number of words : 638

Who should defend us from collective defamation?

Article about trust in the medical profession, mentioning the GMC and the BMA.

GMC

The News

Delivery date : 16/07/2009

Number of words : 638

Excessive, dangerous workload for doctor

Jane Barton, the doctor at the centre of elderly patient deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, had an 'excessive and dangerous workload', a panel heard. The family GP, whose conduct is being examined in relation to 12 deaths on her wards between 1995 and 1999, repeatedly raised concerns over her workload and had asked for more help, the General Medical Council heard yesterday.

End of Life

Evening Standard

Delivery date : 21/07/2009

Number of words : 548

Why can't my mother choose how she dies?

Peter Dominiczak comments on assisted-suicide.

GMC

The News

Delivery date : 17/07/2009

Number of words : 430

Hearing told nurses made drug choices

Nurses could decide when to give potentially lethal drugs to patients at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, a GMC panel heard. Consultant Althea Lord said Dr Jane Barton - at the centre of elderly deaths at the hospital - used to pre-write prescriptions.

GMC

The News

Delivery date : 18/07/2009

Number of words : 417

GP: I wouldn't change the way I treated dead patient

A doctor said she wouldn't change the treatment of an elderly patient whose death sparked a police investigation, a GMC panel heard.

GMC

The Guardian

Delivery date : 22/07/2009

Number of words : 148

Ins and outs

Niall Dickson is leaving the King's Fund to become the new chief executive of the General Medical Council.

## Web links:

### National Newspapers:

The Times

The Independent

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The Scotsman

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