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## Press Cuttings Summary

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### Direct Mentions

#### Print & Online Mentions

There is a brief mention of a story placed by the media team in *The Daily Telegraph* about the GMC calling for tighter regulation of doctors from the continent that are banned from working in their countries coming to the UK to practice. The *Telegraph* online carries the full story which includes a supportive quote from the BMA. The full online article can be read at:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/5202153/Tell-us-when-dodgy-doctors-are-struck-off-abroad-General-Medical-Council.html>

*The Northern Echo* mentions that the GMC are investigating Dr Jane Barton. The article also mentions the recent inquest into deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

An open letter from Dr Chris Lancelot on the Healthcare Republic website welcomes incoming GMC Chair Peter Rubin and asks how he could make the GMC more popular in the eyes of doctors and complainants in fitness to practise cases. One suggestion is for an 'off the record' meeting between the doctor and said complainant. The press office is considering a response. The full letter can be read at:

<http://www.healthcarerepublic.com/news/GP/Opinion/899475/Chris-Lancelot-open-letter-new-GMC-chairman/>

*The Galway Advertiser* reports on the previous fitness to practise hearing of Dr John Leahy:

<http://www.advertiser.ie/galway/article/11252>

*The Sun* reports on the fitness to practise hearing of Dr Himanshu Ghadiali:

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article2390185.ece>

The 'This is Somerset' website mentions Dr Ben Mak, who was under investigation after being alleged to have missed cancer diagnoses in several patients at the Shepton Mallet Treatment Centre. The article mentions that the GMC "has concluded it is not necessary to take any action..." The article can be read in full at:

<http://www.thisissomerset.co.uk/cheddarvalley/news/Colonoscopy-review-finds-evidence-misdiagnosis-treatment-centre/article-923388-detail/article.html>

### Broadcast Mentions

BBC One West yesterday ran a news item about the ongoing investigations into colonoscopy specialist Dr Ben Mak, who is alleged to have missed cancer diagnoses in several patients at the Shepton Mallet Treatment Centre. The piece mentions he has been referred to the GMC.

### Times Letters page

There are no letters today.

## Other News

*Pulse* run a news article about the nominations for the role of President of the Royal College of GPs:

<http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=23&storycode=4122469&c=2>

*Pulse* also summarise the candidates for the Presidency:

<http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=20&storycode=4122495&c=2>

There is also a letter written by one of the candidates, Dr Una Coales, who outlines her wish to represent the views of grassroots GPs:

<http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=39&storycode=4122452&c=2>

There is a letter in today's *Herald*, in which the Archbishop of Glasgow, Mario Conti, lists the reasons why MSPs should reject  assisted suicide bill.

A coroner has ruled that the death, by natural causes, of a six year old girl from a kidney disease could have been avoided if her GP had performed a blood test. Dr Julie Barker instead referred Bethany Townsend to Newark Hospital, Nottinghamshire (*Daily Mail*).

The *Financial Times* print the views of GP Tony Fielding, in relation to yesterday's budget, looking at how the government has dealt GPs over the past few years.

## Headlines:

### GMC

Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 23/04/2009

Number of words : 66

Banned doctors working in UK

The General Medical Council has claimed that patients in Britain could be treated by foreign doctors who have been banned from practising in their own countries.

### Doctors

The Independent

Delivery date : 23/04/2009

Number of words : 1195

Scientists and ethicists unite to attack doctor's clone plan

Scientists and medical ethicists yesterday condemned the controversial fertility doctor Panayiotis Zavos for transferring cloned human embryos into the wombs of four women. Dr Zavos claimed in an interview with The Independent that he had created 14 cloned human embryos and transferred 11 of them into the wombs of the four women, who wanted to give birth to cloned babies, although none of them had become pregnant.

### Doctors

Financial Times

Delivery date : 23/04/2009

Number of words : 423

My Budget The doctor

A Doctors' view of the Budget.

### GMC

The Northern Echo

Delivery date : 22/04/2009

Number of words : 242

Police may reopen hospital inquiry

Police are considering whether to reopen an investigation into a hospital where the use of painkillers contributed to the deaths of five elderly patients. And the General Medical Council confirmed it was investigating the doctor in charge at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, Dr Jane Barton, and she might face a fitness to practise hearing.

End of Life

The Herald

Delivery date : 23/04/2009

Number of words : 246

Reasons to reject physician-assisted suicide

WHEN MSPs consider Code A proposed Bill on physician-assisted suicide, they will want to take into account the weight of tradition against allowing anyone to countenance the death of another with its temptation to seek or support personal interests.

**Web links:****National Newspapers:**

The Times

The Independent

The Guardian

The Daily Telegraph

The Daily Mail

The Daily Mirror

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**Other Regular Newspapers:**

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