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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

The *Portsmouth News* reports the fitness to practise case of Dr Jane Barton which is due to conclude this week. It says that the panel found Dr Barton guilty of prescribing 'inappropriate' drug doses at the end of an earlier session in August last year.

There are several articles following up on the report in yesterday's *Telegraph* (online) about the state of out-of-hours care in Suffolk. The service is run by Take Care Now – the company that employed Code A. An editorial in today's *Telegraph* says that the fact that just two GPs are available for out-of-hours duty in Suffolk is the inevitable consequence of the contract with family doctors negotiated with the Department of Health:
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/health/healthnews/7066946/County-has-as-few-as-two-GPs-covering-night-duty.html>

The Free Library (online) notes the GMC's call for a change to the laws around the skills and language testing of doctors who qualified within the EEA, and the case of Code A.
<http://www.thefreelibrary.com/German+Doctor+Under+Investigation-a01074039171>

The *Evening Telegraph* reports the inquest into the death of Code A involving Code A. The article quotes the director of the Cornwall and Scilly Isles PCT who said that they checked Dr Ubani's registration with the GMC as part of the employment process.

An article in *The Scotsman* about the rights of employees to have legal representation at internal disciplinary hearings mentions a court judgement involving a Dr Kunal Kulkarni which determined that the doctor had 'rights to make representations before the GMC'.

There is local and regional press coverage of the following fitness to practise cases:

- Dr El-Habbal, hearing ongoing
- Code A case concluded

Broadcast Mentions

There are no GMC broadcast mentions today.

Letters pages

There are no relevant letters today.

Other News

Today's *Herald* includes several letters debating MSP Code A 'End of Life Assistance Bill'.

Headlines:

Doctors

Daily Mail

Delivery date : 25/01/2010

Number of words : 238

Two GPs to cover nights in a county of 600,000

Some 600,000 people in one of England's largest counties are left with only two doctors on call overnight and at weekends, it was revealed. Medics say the service in Suffolk is threatening patient safety and points to the state of out-of-hours care across the health service. In one case, a nine-month-old baby died of meningitis as his parents were told to wait up to four hours for a phone call from a GP.

Doctors

Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 25/01/2010

Number of words : 450

Labour has made a mess of GP services

The disclosure that just two GPs are available for out-of-hours duty in the county of Suffolk is the inevitable consequence of the contract with family doctors negotiated by the Health Department in 2004, claims the Telegraph.

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Daily Telegraph

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Number of words : 390

Country with two GPs on night duty

As few as two GPs have been left covering one of Britain's biggest counties out of hours, as the system faces renewed scrutiny during an inquest into the death of a pensioner. Services in Suffolk, which has a population of more than 600,000, are being stretched to the point where patient safety is threatened, according to some doctors. The out-of-hours service in the county is currently under scrutiny due to the death of [Code A] aged 70, who died in 2008 after being given a huge overdose of diamorphine by [Code A] a German doctor on his first shift in this country. [Code A] 67, has since been suspended by the General Medical Council in Britain but continues to practice in Germany.

End of Life

The Times

Delivery date : 25/01/2010

Number of words : 848

Why most doctors do not support euthanasia

Few topics polarise opinion quite like euthanasia and it is in the news again after hints that the new Director of Public Prosecutions is taking a softer approach to assisted suicides, and the outcry that followed last week's conviction of Frances Inglis for killing her brain-damaged son with a heroin overdose.

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The Scotsman

Delivery date : 25/01/2010

Number of words : 774

Employee's right to law representative boosted by rulings

IN THE culmination of legal wrangles extending over the past two years involving a sacked teacher and doctor, the Court of Appeal in England has taken a step further in confirming certain employees' rights to legal representation at internal disciplinary hearings.

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Hull Daily Mail

Delivery date : 23/01/2010

Number of words : 85

Doctor faces hearing

HULL: A paediatric consultant who worked at Hull Royal Infirmary is facing the General Medical Council on conduct charges.

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Coventry Telegraph
 Delivery date : 23/01/2010
 Number of words : 353

COUNCILLOR 'GAGGED' IN TOP DOC ROW

A CITY councillor has been blocked from grilling hospital bosses over Code A latest disciplinary battle.

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Manchester Evening News
 Delivery date : 22/01/2010
 Number of words : 452

Kids doctor 'misdiagnosed vulnerable children in care'

APAEDIATRICIAN who treated children in care is accused of a string of misconduct allegations - including misdiagnosing vulnerable children and tricking NHS patients into seeing him privately.

End of Life

The Herald
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 Number of words : 581

The debate continues over MSP: Code A controversial right to die bill

MSP Code A has launched her very carefully crafted and edited "End of Life Assistance Bill" for the MSPs to consider ("MSPs must think carefully on End of Life Bill issues", The Herald, January 22).

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Peterborough Evening Telegraph
 Delivery date : 22/01/2010
 Number of words : 503

Overdose case doctor 'failed' an English test

A FOREIGN doctor who killed a patient with a massive painkiller overdose had failed an English language test, an inquest heard.

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The News
 Delivery date : 22/01/2010
 Number of words : 334

Accused medic waits to hear if she will be struck off

The doctor accused over elderly patient deaths at Gosport War Memorial hospital will have to wait to learn her fate.

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