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Press Cuttings Summary

Monday 27 April 2009

Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

The Muslim News (online) reports that the GMC is seeking views on draft guidance, End of life care. The article says that the guidance clarifies doctors' responsibility to regard patients' religious beliefs after their death. The piece was placed by the press office:
<http://www.muslimnews.co.uk/paper/index.php?article=4051>

Teachers' Union NASUWT Cymru has criticised the General Teaching Council for Wales. During a debate, speakers criticised the body saying that most other professions, including the General Medical Council and the Solicitors Regulation Authority, held its hearings in public:
<http://www.tes.co.uk/article.aspx?storycode=6012389>

BMA News 9 April 25)

- A column written by a retired doctor looks at his reasons for declining to stay on the GMC's register.

BMJ (25 Apr 09)

- The *BMJ* reports on the inquest into the deaths of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, noting that Dr Jane Barton may face a GMC fitness to practise hearing.
- An article about the work of PMETB in 2009 briefly mentions the forthcoming merger with the GMC.

Broadcast Mentions

There are no online mentions today.

Times Letters page

There are no health letters today.

Other News

The Herald reports that Tony Wright MP has said that doctors and nurses should be able to speak out about concerns over patient care without risking their careers. He said that the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 was failing in its mission and that NHS should be able to blow the whistle on problems.

In his column in the *Daily Telegraph*, Max Pemberton comments on the assisted dying debate. He says that he is wary of those who claim the moral high ground in the assisted dying debate, and that those who feel obliged to 'pass judgement on someone else's existence' should not presume to know what it feels like to 'lie in a bed...longing for the life you had but which is now out of reach'.

Cash prizes totalling £20million are being offered by the Department of Health to people who come up with ways of cutting costs or discovering breakthroughs. The Innovation Challenge Prize will be launched by Lord Darzi and it is expected that university departments and doctors will generate ideas.

Headlines:**GMC**

Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 27/04/2009

Number of words : 864

We can still follow the trail Thatcher blazed

Her successors ruined the prosperous Britain she created. Now we must strive to re-build it. Edwina Currie comments on the legacy of Margaret Thatcher.

Doctors

The Herald

Delivery date : 27/04/2009

Number of words : 366

MP calls for protection of NHS whistleblowers

Doctors and nurses should be able to speak out about concerns over patient care without risking their careers, an MP said today.

Miscellaneous

Daily Telegraph

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FINGER ON THE PULSE

Junior doctor Max Pemberton is wary of those who claim the moral high ground in the assisted dying debate.

Miscellaneous

Daily Telegraph

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£20m in prizes for ideas that improve the health service

Cash prizes totalling £20million are being offered by the Department of Health to people who come up with ways of cutting costs or discovering breakthroughs. The Innovation Challenge Prize, to be launched by Lord Darzi at London's Science Museum, wants suggestions on how to make the health service more efficient, or come up with ways to tackle issues such as childhood obesity.

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