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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

Following yesterday's article in *The Daily Telegraph*, there is widespread coverage of Health Secretary Andy Burnham's announcement of the first revalidation pilot areas. Professor Peter Rubin is quoted in much of the coverage.

http://www.healthcarerepublic.com/news/bulletin/DAILY_NEWS/article/979693/?DCMP=EMC-BreakingnewsfromHealthcareRepublic

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/health/article7003859.ece

<http://www.onmedica.com/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=024cc17b-7131-4c29-98eb-5888e64eadaf>

<http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=35&storycode=4124838&c=2>

http://thegovmonitor.com/world_news/britain/uk-improving-health-care-one-doctor-at-a-time-22252.html

<http://www.egovmonitor.com/node/32973>

BMJ Careers reports that the GMC is working with the Department of Health and European parliament around the issue of more stringent language and medical skills testing of EU-trained doctors. The news item quotes Niall Dickson:

<http://careers.bmj.com/careers/advice/view-article.html?id=20000705>

An increase in complaints about doctors working on out of hours shifts is reported by the *Daily Mail* and the *Daily Telegraph*. The news follows statistics issued by the Medical Defence Union and refers to the death of Code A after he was administered an overdose of diamorphine by Code A.

Nicola Davies QC, who represented Professor Sir Roy Meadow in his appeal against a GMC sanction of erasure, has been made a High Court Judge and a Dame of the British Empire. Dame Nicola also defended Harold Shipman at his trial in 2000. (*Glamorgan Gazette*)

Fitness to Practise

The Portsmouth News continues to cover the fitness to practise case of Dr Jane Barton, and reports that Liberal Democrat Shadow Health MP Norman Lamb has tabled an early day motion calling for a public enquiry into the death of patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

A piece about the uptake of the MMR vaccine in Leeds in the *Yorkshire Evening Post* refers to the fitness to practise case of Code A et al.

Now magazine features the story of Sim Lawrence, whose husband Dr Hans Desmarowitz was suspended by the GMC in 2008.

Broadcast Mentions

BBC One South continues to cover the deaths associated with Dr Jane Barton at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, mentioning her GMC hearing.

News bulletins on *BBC Radio Four* and *Five Live* ran items this morning about the need for greater regulation of EU-trained doctors coming to work in the UK.

Letters pages

Dr Krishna Korlipara writes about GP cooperatives in *The Daily Telegraph*. His letter follows an article about out-of-hours GP care of 25 January.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/telegraph-view/7068637/Labour-has-made-a-mess-of-GP-services.html>

Other News

The Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Health Authority has published a report into failings which allowed nurse Colin Norris to murder four elderly patients at two Leeds hospitals. (*The Daily Telegraph*)

Liz Hunt, writing in *The Daily Telegraph* asks why it is possible that so few doctors are working out-of-hours shifts, blaming doctors' greed for such failings, and the contract negotiated by the BMA and the Department of Health in 2004.

There is further coverage of the inquest into the death of Code A in *The Evening Telegraph*.

The Herald reports that female GPs now outnumber male doctors in Scotland for the first time.

On 26 January *The Herald* covered the case of Lynn Gilderdale who helped her daughter (who had ME) to die. The final two paragraphs in the following piece relate that the daughter was afraid of going into hospital after having been, allegedly, sexually assaulted by a 'senior health professional' when she was

14: <http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/crime-courts/mother-who-helped-sick-daughter-die-walks-free-1.1001494>

Headlines:

Doctors

Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 27/01/2010

Number of words : 220

Complaints about out-of-hours GPs rise

Complaints about out-of-hours GPs have risen by more than half in two years, new figures suggest. Patients claimed that doctors covering evening and weekend shifts failed to spot problems including a heart attack, septicaemia, pneumonia and meningitis, the statistics showed. Doctors were also accused of being rude and refusing to make home visits. The figures came from the Medical Defence Union, a not-for-profit organisation which offers legal advice to doctors.

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Daily Mail

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Number of words : 642

Out of hours GPs sued over 17 deaths as complaints rise by 50%

The leading medical insurance company, which covers most GPs, has reported that the number of serious complaints about the National Health Service's out of hours system have shot up by 50 per cent in just two years. Complaints included patients who died after being seen by an out of hours physician, and GPs failing to spot cases of meningitis and heart attacks. A total of 13 complaints were referred to the General Medical Council.

GMC

The Times

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Number of words : 52

Doctors examined

Doctors in England will undergo skill tests this month. Pilot schemes for a nationwide system will cover more than 3,000 GPs and hospital doctors. Andy Burnham, the Health Secretary, said that eventually all 150,000 doctors would need to have their licences renewed by the General Medical Council every five years.

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Glamorgan Gazette

Delivery date : 21/01/2010

Number of words : 1

Dame Nicola arises to break the glass ceiling

Nicola Davies QC has been made a High Court judge. She represented Roy Meadow before the General Medical Council.

Doctors

Daily Express

Delivery date : 27/01/2010

Number of words : 213

Jealous killer gets 17 years

A jealous husband who bludgeoned his wife's GP lover to death after she asked him for a divorce has been jailed for life with a minimum of 17 years. Telephone cable layer Andrew Hill, 49, broke down and wept, clinging to the security glass in front of the dock as the jury returned a guilty verdict.

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NOW Magazine

Delivery date : 01/02/2010

Number of words : 1077

I raffled our £750k family home £ 1

Story of a husband who stalked his secretary. Dr Hans Desmarowitz was suspended by the General Medical Council.

GMC

The News

Delivery date : 26/01/2010

Number of words : 351

MP supports calls for inquiry into hospital deaths

FAMILIES have welcomed a call by an MP for a public inquiry into elderly patients deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

GMC

Yorkshire Evening Post

Delivery date : 26/01/2010

Number of words : 425

Leeds babies still miss out on vital jabs

HEALTH bosses in Leeds are warning that uptake levels of the MMR vaccine are still not high enough to prevent outbreaks of the illnesses.

Miscellaneous

Daily Telegraph

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Number of words : 186

Failings allowed nurse to kill four patients

A catalogue of failings allowed a nurse to murder four frail patients, an independent inquiry has found. Colin Norris, a staff nurse, gave the elderly women fatal doses of the diabetes drug insulin while they were being treated at two Leeds hospitals. Problems including relatives' concerns going unheeded, staff knowledge of clinical policies and systems, recordkeeping and medicines management, all contributed to helping Norris get hold of drugs and murder patients, said a report from Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Health Authority.

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Daily Star

Delivery date : 27/01/2010

Number of words : 57

Doc checks

Doctors skills should be checked as often as airline pilots' to ensure they can perform under pressure, Health Secretary Andy Burnham said yesterday.

Doctors

Peterborough Evening Telegraph

Delivery date : 26/01/2010

Number of words : 436

Warning was sent month before death

THE GP service which employed a doctor who killed his patient with an accidental overdose has admitted two more patients nearly died after being given medication overdoses by on-call doctors.

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Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 27/01/2010

Number of words : 652

GPs must work for health, not wealth

Will we come to despise doctors as much as we despise bankers? This is not as unlikely as it might at first sound. Bankers have been brought low in the public's estimation by their greed. Doctors, or GPs to be precise, are in danger of following them down the same path, courtesy of the infamous 2004 contract negotiated between the Department of Health and the British Medical Association.

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Daily Telegraph

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GPs working together

Readers' letter talking about GPs out-of-hours service.

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The Herald

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Number of words : 195

Female GPs outnumber men for first time - study

FEMALE GPs are outnumbering male doctors for the first time in Scotland, according to new figures.

Doctors

The Press and Journal

Delivery date : 27/01/2010

Number of words : 54

Call for increased checks on GPs' skills

Doctors' skills should be checked as often as airline pilots' to ensure they can perform under pressure, according to Health Secretary Andy Burnham.

Doctors

The Sun

Delivery date : 27/01/2010

Number of words : 93

5yr tests for docs

Doctors should face regular tests like airline pilots to prove their skills are up to scratch when under pressure, Health

Secretary Andy Burnham said yesterday.

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