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## Press Cuttings Summary

Thursday 28 January 2010

### Direct Mentions

#### Print & Online Mentions

There is widespread national and regional online coverage of the hearing of Dr Wakefield, Professor Walker-Smith and Professor Murch, as the Panel in this case is expected to deliver its determination on facts today. Dr Wakefield's research and its effect on the uptake of the MMR vaccine are also discussed in much of the coverage.

<http://newsvote.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8483865.stm>

<http://newsvote.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8481583.stm>

<http://latestnews.virginmedia.com/news/uk/2010/01/28/mmr-doctor-to-hear-gmc-decision>

<http://www.dailyexpress.co.uk/posts/view/154647/-MMR-doctor-to-hear-GMC-decision>

The Liberal Democrat party has called for European doctors to take the same language and professional competency tests as other non-UK trained doctors and have outlined a series of steps to ensure greater patient safety (*The Times*).

*Pulse* (27 Jan 10)

- The magazine reports on the issue of EU-trained doctors and the GMC's call for their skills and language proficiency to be more rigorously checked. The article highlights Lord Patel's review into doctors' education and training, which proposes a requirement for those on the GP register to have undergone revalidation.

The *Cambridge News* reports that the company which hired: Code A had alerted its locum doctors about the risks of overdosing patients.

The *Yorkshire Post* comments on the Department of Health's recent announcement on revalidation, mentioning a doctor Toby Branfoot who has been referred to the GMC following post-surgical complications on a patient.

*The News* reports that doctors in the area (NHS South Central) will form part of one of the first revalidation pilots. The story is also picked up online:

<http://www.healthbusinessuk.net/content/view/1382/2/>

There is a further mention about the call for a public inquiry into the deaths of patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, mentioning Dr Jane Barton's fitness to practise hearing (*Southern Daily Echo*).

#### Fitness to Practise

Dr Hussain Ibrahim Hussain – hearing to start next week

Dr Rainer Zierer – erased from the register

<http://www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/German-GP-struck-appalling-misconduct/article-1760372-detail/article.html>

Dr Hines and Dr Timmis (Ilford Recorder online)

<http://www.ilfordrecorder.co.uk/content/woodford/recorder/news/story.aspx?brand=REOnline&category=newsWoodford&tBrand=reconline&tCategory=newswoodford&itemid=WeED26%20Jan%202010%2012%3A16%3A24%3A867>

*Nursing Standard* (27 Jan 10)

- An article about Advance Nurse Practitioners (ANP) mentions the GMC's procedures.
- An article exploring the use and development of complementary therapies in medicine, mentions that the GMC has recommended all medical students should be aware of them.

#### *Nursing Times* (26 Jan 10)

- Opposition amongst nurses to the Independent Safeguarding Authority's (ISA) 'vetting and barring' scheme, that could see Trusts unable to employ Nurses that the ISA sees as a danger to children, is growing. The article mentions the scheme will contribute to patient safety through the sharing of information with regulatory bodies such as the GMC.

#### **Broadcast Mentions**

Radio 4's 'Today' programme, Sky News and 'Central FM' both report that a "verdict" on the facts of the case of Code A and Professors Code A and Code A is due.

#### **Letters pages**

There are letters in *The Daily Telegraph* from a junior doctor and a pathologist who cite the types of assessment they currently undergo, in relation to Health Secretary Andy Burnham's claim earlier in the week when launching the revalidation pilots that "doctors currently have no formal assessment of their competence".

#### **Other News**

The BMA has stated that any move to permit physician-assisted suicide could damage the doctor-patient relationship (*Pulse*).

The total compensation payouts for medical negligence cases in Scotland for the last financial year reached £26million, an 80% increase on the previous year. The figures, obtained by the Conservatives, also reveal that half of the total went to just three individual cases (*Scottish Daily Mail* and other Scottish press titles).

Health Protection Scotland has announced that only 86% of hospital doctors are complying with hand-washing guidelines (*Scottish Daily Mail*).

The *Daily Mirror* reports that a woman is to sue the NHS after being incorrectly diagnosed with inoperable cancer and had only weeks to live.

#### **Headlines:**

#### Doctors

The Times

Delivery date : 28/01/2010

Number of words : 55

Call for EU doctor tests

The Liberal Democrats want European doctors to take the same language and competency tests as other foreign medics. Norman Lamb, the party's health spokesman, made the call as an inquest was held into the case of Code A Code A 70, who died in 2008 while under the care of Code A a German locum.

#### GMC

Nursing Standard

Delivery date : 27/01/2010

Number of words : 642

New head of NMC prepares to end impasse on advanced level practice

For more than a decade, nurse regulators and health departments have been grappling with the regulation of advanced nurse practitioners (ANPs). Notes the General Medical Council.

#### NHS issues

Daily Mail

Delivery date : 28/01/2010

Number of words : 206

Blunders by medics cost NHS £26m in just a year

MISTAKES by medics cost the NHS in Scotland £26million last year, it was revealed yesterday.

End of Life

Pulse

Delivery date : 27/01/2010

Number of words : 63

BMA warning on suicide

The BMA has warned that any move to permit physician-assisted suicide could wreck the doctor-patient relationship, as politicians in Scotland begin debating whether the law should be changed.

Doctors

Cambridge News

Delivery date : 26/01/2010

Number of words : 389

Tragedy followed warning on drugs

LOCUM doctors employed by an out-of-hours GP service had been warned about the risk of overdoses just weeks before a patient died from one, and inquest heard.

GMC

Nursing Standard

Delivery date : 27/01/2010

Number of words : 3668

Complementary therapies: a challenge for nursing practice

Comment: "There has been a vast increase in the use of complementary therapies in recent years." Notes the General Medical Council.

GMC

Nursing Times

Delivery date : 26/01/2010

Number of words : 380

'Punitive' vetting scheme could see staff banned for one-off mistakes

Opposition is mounting against a scheme aimed at protecting vulnerable patients that could see nurses banned from practising even if they have been formally cleared of any wrongdoing. Notes the General Medical Council.

GMC

Pulse

Delivery date : 27/01/2010

Number of words : 420

COMPETENCY TESTS Crackdown on foreign GP standards

A major regulatory crackdown on the fitness to practise of foreign GPs is being planned by the GMC.

GMC

Southern Daily Echo

Delivery date : 27/01/2010

Number of words : 187

Inquiry demand at pensioner deaths hospital

A HAROLD Shipman-style inquiry into the deaths of more than 90 elderly patients at a Hampshire hospital is needed to answer concerns that were raised almost two decades ago, an MP has said.

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 Doctors

Daily Mail

Delivery date : 28/01/2010

Number of words : 177

Hospital doctors fail hand wash test

HOSPITAL doctors in Scotland are failing to comply with new rules on hand-washing, according to a report published yesterday.

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## GMC

The News

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Number of words : 166

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## Doctors

Daily Mirror

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Number of words : 373

BLUNDER DOCS LEFT ME PREPARING FOR DEATH

A mother was given weeks to live by doctors who wrongly diagnosed her with lung cancer. Distraught Kim Watts, 47, started planning for her death, cancelled a family holiday and had to tell her sons that "mummy is very ill". But a month after she was informed her body was riddled with inoperable cancer, she got a phone call telling her doctors got it wrong and she was not going to die after all. Now the furious mother, who beat breast cancer four years ago, is considering suing King George Hospital in Ilford, Essex.

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## GMC

The Northern Echo

Delivery date : 28/01/2010

Number of words : 88

GP summoned over CV probe

A NORTH-EAST GP who allegedly used a colleague's work history on his own CV to support a job application has been accused of professional misconduct.

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## GMC

Yorkshire Post

Delivery date : 28/01/2010

Number of words : 337

Amputee triggers surgeon concerns

PATIENTS have every right to expect the best from their doctor, given that the average person - according to figures published this week - will use aspects of the NHS more than 2,000 times during their lifetime.

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## Doctors

Nottingham Evening Post  
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German doctor is struck off for misconduct

A GERMAN doctor who worked in Nottingham has been struck off the medical register because of "serious and appalling misconduct".

Doctors

Daily Telegraph  
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 Number of words : 175

Doctors are tested

Readers'; letter talking about doctors having no formal assessment of their competence once they start in practice.

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