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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print Mentions

The press office has placed a letter in The Times today, written by Paul Philip. The letter explains that it is unlikely that anonymous comments about doctors, such as those taken from a website (iwantgreatcare.org), could provide sufficient evidence in fitness to practise cases - but that doctors themselves may want to cite 'helpful ratings' in their evidence. He stresses that it is up to the panel to decide what weight if any to give to such postings.

The Times in Scotland interviews the son of the patient involved in Dr Iain Kerr's case. The son of 'Patient A' is not named. He tells the paper that the doctors had been a tremendous support to his mother who held him in high regard. The doctor was suspended from practising for six months.

Broadcast Mentions

Peter Walsh, Chief Executive of Action Against Victims of Medical Accidents was interviewed on BBC Radio Solent about claims that patients at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital were given overdoses of pain killers. The charity is appealing for families to contact them as they prepare a strategy for the pre inquest hearing. It was reported that there is an outstanding GMC case against the doctor at the centre of this but ten years later there are still unanswered questions.

Letters pages and GMC published responses

See letter in The Times (above)

Other News

Keith Waterhouse in The Daily Mail agrees that doctors should have annual appraisals. He argues that MPs should receive the same treatment.

An opinion piece in The Guardian by actor and writer Rebecca Font argues that the BMA should not allow doctors to appraise each other. She compares it to actors reviewing each other's performances and says that hypochondriacs should be drafted in to do the assessments.

Max Pemberton's column in The Daily Telegraph reviews recent advice from NICE reminding doctors not to prescribe antibiotics for conditions caused by viruses.

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A test for every MP to put up with

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The Times

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'Doctor who helped my mother die is a decent soul'

2. Doctors

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It's all theatre

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The Times

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