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## Press Cuttings Summary

Wednesday 7 October 2009

### Direct Mentions

#### Print & Online Mentions

The *Evening Chronicle* mentions the GMC's revised *Confidentiality* guidance, focusing on the issue of reporting knife injuries and gunshot wounds.

*BMA News* (3 Oct 09)

- An article about how doctors applying for specialist registration can improve their chances of success includes quotes from PMETB that doctors do not need to rush their applications ahead of the merger with the (see attached article)

Healthcare Republic note the Royal College of GPs advice for doctors to not commence their 360-degree feedback yet, until a suitable questionnaire that matches the GMC's criteria has been approved. The full article can be read at: <http://www.healthcarerepublic.com/news/943362/RCGP-warns-against-using-360-degree-feedback-revalidation/>

*Pulse (online)* reports Department of Health predictions that anticipate a 20% increase in the number of GPs referred to their employer by the Government's new networks of responsible officers. The article says that 'the DH suggests the introduction of responsible officers, a key part of revalidation, will lead to a 37.5% reduction in the proportion of cases referred to the GMC, with 67 fewer cases sent to the Council.'

<http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=23&storycode=4123828&c=2>

*This is Bristol* reports on pathologist Dr Sergi who it is alleged made serious errors while working for the trust that runs Bristol's city centre hospitals. <http://www.thisisbristol.co.uk/homepage/Panel-look-claims-Bristol-child-s-death/article-1395149-detail/article.html>

The following fitness to practise hearings and investigations are mentioned:

- The *Aberdeen Evening Express* (5 Oct) reported case of Dr Gwen David, an Aberdeen doctor who was found guilty of drink driving (article attached).
- Code A Interim Order suspension (*East Anglian Daily Times*).
- Code A – issued with a warning for drink driving offence (*South London Press*).
- Dr Jane Barton – adjourned hearing mentioned in relation to a call for a public inquiry into deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital (*The Argus*)
- Mr Wilfred Pugsley – *Express and Star*: <http://www.expressandstar.com/2009/10/06/boss-backs-surgeon-who-failed-op-tests/>
- Stewart Goodwin – *Hospital Doctor*: <http://www.hospitaldr.co.uk/blogs/our-news/professor-guilty-of-dishonesty-over-medico-legal-report>

#### Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions.

## Letters pages

Anthony Egerton, GMC Assistant Director of Registration, writes in *The Herald* to assure retired doctors that they would not have to pay if they were temporarily registered during an emergency.

## Other News

The ongoing trial of Dr Edward Marin, accused of trying to induce a chemical abortion in his pregnant mistress by adding drugs to her coffee continues to gain coverage (*The Times*).

The Edinburgh Evening News of 5 October reported that complaints at NHS Lothian fell to a record low last year: <http://news.scotsman.com/latestnews/Complaints-at-Lothian-hospitals-fall.5703200.jp>

The Aberdeen Press & Journal continued its coverage of the employment tribunal of Dr Christine Paterson on 6 October, reporting that she has been accused of criticising NHS Highland on Doctors.net: <http://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/Article.aspx/1426400?UserKey=>

A woman is set to sue NHS Grampian after she claims they repeatedly misdiagnosed a disabling spinal condition over a two year period (*Press & Journal*).

There are mentions about yesterday's Conservative Party conference in which a pay freeze for public sector workers, including GPs, until 2011 was planned (*Financial Times*).

## Headlines:

### Doctors

Financial Times

Delivery date : 07/10/2009

Number of words : 549

#### Pay freeze for civil servants and doctors

The Conservatives said yesterday there would be no pay increase for 4m public sector workers in 2011 if they won the general election. George Osborne, the shadow chancellor, topped Labour's announcement that it wanted a freeze for higher earners in 2010 with a further pay freeze across the public sector in the following year. The big exception would be for about 1m public sector workers paid under £18,000 - Mr Osborne said he did not believe "in balancing the budget on the backs of the poorest".

### GMC

East Anglian Daily Times

Delivery date : 06/10/2009

Number of words : 297

#### Inquiry into GP who quit surgery position

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### GMC

East Anglian Daily Times

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### GMC

Evening Chronicle

Delivery date : 05/10/2009

Number of words : 85

Knife wounds

According to new General Medical Council guidelines, doctors will be told to report knife injuries to the police and pass on the patient's personal information.

## GMC

South London Press

Delivery date : 06/10/2009

Number of words : 245

Doctor gets suspension overturned after driving to emergency at twice alcohol limit

**Code A** a top gynaecologist was given a warning after driving to hospital for a "life or death" operation while twice the drink-drive limit. Notes the General Medical Council.

## GMC

The Argus

Delivery date : 05/10/2009

Number of words : 338

Public inquiry call over hospital deaths

A Sussex woman is demanding a public inquiry into the death of her mother in hospital.

## GMC

The Herald

Delivery date : 07/10/2009

Number of words : 123

Registering doctors

MAY I reassure doctors about the terms of temporary registration in an emergency (Letters, October 6)?

## NHS issues

The Press and Journal

Delivery date : 07/10/2009

Number of words : 449

Woman left feeling like 'circus freak' set to sue

A woman suffering from a serious spinal condition is suing NHS Grampian because she claims they treated her "worse than a dog" over the last two years.

## Doctors

The Times

Delivery date : 07/10/2009

Number of words : 566

Doctor accused of poisoning pregnant lover 'had affair with another colleague'

A married hospital consultant accused of putting poison in his secretary's tea to abort their unborn child also had an affair with another doctor, a court heard yesterday.

**Web links:****National Newspapers:**

The Times

The Independent

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The Scotsman

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The Manchester Evening News

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