Press Cuttings Summary

Sunday 22 August 2010

Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

The Daily Mail reports on the claim made in the BBC radio 4 programme 'The Report' that [Code A] altered his post-mortem report on [Code A], which impacted on the decision made by the Crown Prosecution Service not to prosecute the police officer who pushed [Code A] is currently attending a Fitness to Practise hearing in relation to four separate post-mortems.

Fitness to Practise

The Sunday Times reports on the hearing of [Code A] which starts tomorrow.

Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions today.

Letters pages

There are no letters today.

Other News

The Sunday Express reports on the decision by Dr Jane Collins, Chief Executive of Great Ormond Street Hospital, to remove herself from the GMC register.

The Observer reports on the BMA’s initiative 'Women in Medicine' to try to boost the number of women in senior medical posts. Fewer than 30% of consultant posts in the health service are by women, even though two-thirds of doctors entering the profession are female.

The Sunday Times reports on a retired GP, Libby Wilson, who is to avoid prosecution for helping Cari Loder, on how to use equipment to kill herself.

The Sunday Express reports on the increase in children and adults with allergies.

The Sunday Mail in Scotland reports on a woman who had a breast operation which left one breast uneven. Experts have advised her the surgeon made the implant pocket too large, causing the breast to droop.

Headlines:

Online Briefing: - 22/08/2010

GMC 5 article(s)
Did this man's change of mind thwart case against G20 officer?
By Martin Delgado, Last updated at 10:41 PM on 21st August 2010
A pathologist in the case of the newspaper seller who died after being struck by a policeman during the 2009 G20 riots was facing fresh questions last night after he changed the wording of his post-mortem report, undermining attempts to prosecute the officer involved.

Mail Online UK - United Kingdom - 21/08/2010

20 August 2010 - Consultant pay rewards scheme to be reviewed
Location: Home > News releases > Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety > Consultant pay rewards scheme to be reviewed
Health Minister, today announced that there will be a UK-wide review of the Clinical Excellence and Distinction Awards given to medical consultants.
Northern Ireland Executive - United Kingdom - 21/08/2010

Baby P hospital chief takes herself off doctors register 'to avoid blame case'
The chief executive of Great Ormond Street Hospital has taken herself off the medical register after 40 consultants signed a letter of no confidence in her and her managers. The letter comes as the world famous hospital faces heavy criticism over its handling of the Baby Peter tragedy. She removed herself from the list of doctors allowed to practise in June, days after an angry meeting of consultants at the British Medical Association.
Sunday Express - United Kingdom - 22/08/2010

Did this man's change of mind thwart case against G20 officer?
A pathologist in the case of the newspaper seller who died after being struck by a policeman during the 2009 G20 riots was facing fresh questions last night after he changed the wording of his post-mortem report, undermining attempts to prosecute the officer involved. 

The revised findings a year after carrying out the first examination of Code A body. In his initial assessment, he reported that he had found three litres of 'fluid blood' in Code A stomach. Twelve months later, however, he wrote another report in which he described the substance he had found as 'fluid with blood'. Code A, who qualified in 1974 at the University of Zambia, faces a General Medical Council hearing into allegations that he mishandled four post-mortem examinations between September 2002 and January 2005. He denies misconduct.
The Mail on Sunday - United Kingdom - 22/08/2010

Cut to the chase
Appearance before a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing in Manchester tomorrow will recall torturous memories of the Bloodgate scandal that besmirched the name of Harlequins rugby club.
The Sunday Times Sport - United Kingdom - 22/08/2010

Doctors 4 article(s)

Gosport doctor faces no charges over deaths
The police investigation into Dr Jane Barton has been closed after the Crown Prosecution Service said there was no realistic prospect of a gross negligence manslaughter conviction for the deaths of elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.
The Independent on Sunday - United Kingdom - 22/08/2010

Female doctors are denied NHS top jobs
The British Medical Association is launching a new initiative called Women in Medicine to try to boost the number of women in senior medical posts. Fewer than 30% of consultant posts in the health service are held by women, even though two-thirds of doctors entering the profession are female. Women doctors also earn, in general, 18% less than male doctors.
The Observer - United Kingdom - 22/08/2010

Surgeon .. booed but I've to pay
A YOUNG mum has suffered a year of anguish after a botched breast operation left her with lopsided boobs.
Sunday Mail Scotland - United Kingdom - 22/08/2010
Innocent parent's long fight to identify accuser
A landmark High Court ruling which named Karl Johnson, a consultant at Birmingham Children's Hospital and chairman of the British Society of Paediatric Radiology, as the expert witness in a failed case against parents accused of child abuse, means that expert witnesses in other such cases can now be named.
The Sunday Telegraph - United Kingdom - 22/08/2010

NHS issues 1 article(s)

'Deadly' allergies soar by thousands
Hospitals are being overwhelmed by a huge increase in children and adults diagnosed with life-threatening allergies. Alarming figures show thousands of new patients a year are being prescribed special injection pens to reverse the deadly effects of anaphylactic shock. Health Department figures reveal a staggering 136 per cent increase in the use of EpiPens, which treat allergic reactions, during the past five years.
Sunday Express - United Kingdom - 22/08/2010

End of Life 1 article(s)

Euthanasia GP still dispensing suicide advice
A RETIRED GP who is to avoid prosecution for helping a multiple sclerosis sufferer commit suicide has told other people how to take their own lives since charges were raised against her.
The Sunday Times Scotland - United Kingdom - 22/08/2010