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# Press Cuttings Summary

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## Direct Mentions

### Print and Online Mentions

The Sunday Telegraph features a report about the case of Dr Jane Barton. The article refers to the high number of deaths of patients who were under her care whilst she was working by at Gosport War Memorial Hospital, and describes the GMC case against the doctor (due to reconvene this week). The piece summarises the charges against Dr Barton, and some of the facts found proved when her hearing adjourned in August 2009. The piece also quotes a relative of Elsie Devine, whose death has been considered as part of the GMC case against the doctor, and a spokesperson from the MDU, the body which is representing Dr Barton.

The Evening Gazette reports on the fitness to practise case of Dr Sahil Chaudhry.

### Broadcast Mentions

There are no relevant broadcast mentions to note.

### Times Letters

There are no relevant letters to note.

### Other News

The death of Kyra Davies, a toddler who was sent home from hospital with 'baby paracetamol' and subsequently died from meningitis, is reported in the Sunday Mirror.

A government scheme to increase social mobility and open up more 'elitist' professions, such as medicine, the law and accountancy is covered by The Observer.

The Sunday Times, Scotland on Sunday and The Sunday Telegraph all cover the HMRC initiative to claim back unpaid tax from, amongst others, doctors and dentists.

The Sunday Telegraph features news that concerns highlighted by a secret report from the Care Quality Commission, warning that monitoring systems in hospitals were seriously flawed, were not acted upon.

### Headlines:

#### Adhoc report Extracted from MorethanNews.com

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Doctors

The Sunday Telegraph  
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TAXMAN TARGETS MIDDLE CLASSES

Doctors, dentists, and other professionals have been warned: they are the targets in a new HM Revenue & Customs crackdown on tax evaders.

Doctors

The Sunday Times  
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After doctors, the Revenue turns on vets and lawyers

HMRC last week approached health insurers including Bupa and Sun Life for the names of doctors and dentists who received payments from the insurers for private practice but failed to declare them. It is thought to have obtained the details of 800 consultants.

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Sunday Mirror  
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Meningitis child dies

A young child has died from meningitis after being sent home from hospital with baby paracetamol. Despite the fact that the parents expressed concerns that their child had meningitis, their 17-month-old daughter was treated for an ear infection. She died the next day.

NHS issues

North Wales Weekly News  
 Delivery date : 14/01/2010  
 Number of words : 1

Lack of doctors puts hospital under threat

Llandudno Hospital is to refuse to admit patients to A&E after 10pm as a result of a shortage of junior doctors "compounded" by changes to the EU Working Time Directive.

GMC

Evening Gazette  
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 Number of words : 316

Hearing rules on doctor's licence

A GP from Stockton has been suspended for three months after admitting a string of misconduct charges. The GMC panel concluded his fitness to practise has been impaired due to his misconduct, which led to a 12-month conditional discharge at Teesside Crown Court in December 2008 after admitting two counts of falsifying documents.

GMC

The Sunday Telegraph  
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Doctor linked to 92 patients' deaths faces being struck off

A doctor at the centre of a police investigation into the deaths of nearly 100 elderly patients faces being struck off the medical register for prescribing excessive doses of painkillers. Dr Jane Barton worked in a hospital ward that became known as the "end of the line" by the relatives of patients who died while being treated there. A panel of the General Medical Council has already concluded that Dr Barton's conduct at Gosport War Memorial Hospital in Hampshire was "inappropriate" and "potentially hazardous".

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The Observer  
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Top professions must be less elitist, warn ministers

The country's most senior doctors, lawyers and accountants will be told tomorrow that they must draw up plans showing how they will make their professions less elitist as part of a government attempt to increase social mobility and break down the pattern that has seen top jobs dominated by those from privileged backgrounds.

NHS issues

The Sunday Telegraph  
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Ministers 'failed' to act on hospital safety report

An unpublished Care Quality Commission report warned the Government two years ago that its system of monitoring safety in hospitals was seriously flawed. The emergence of the report undermines Labour's claim that a series of deaths from mistakes in hospitals over the past few years were "isolated incidents" and suggested that some of them could have been prevented.

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Scotland on Sunday  
 Delivery date : 17/01/2010  
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Know the new drill on taxes

Doctors and dentists are being targeted by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, which has announced that medical professionals who contact it by 31March will be able to put their tax affairs in order "on the best available terms" under its Tax Health Plan.

**Web links:**

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