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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print Mentions

The Derby Evening Telegraph and Nottingham Evening Post both report on the fitness to practise case of Dr Alastair Graham who is accused of failing to call an emergency ambulance or give penicillin to a girl he diagnosed with possible meningitis.

The Peterborough Evening Telegraph reports on Dr Jonathan Okechukwu Okonkwo who was suspended by the GMC for 18 months last March for prescription fraud. The GMC has now announced that the suspension will be extended until October next year.

The Western Daily Press and the Western Morning News have both reported on the fitness to practise hearing of Dr Wulf Franzen. Dr Franzen has been allowed to continue practising following a hearing where the panel heard how an elderly patient died after he failed to record he had even visited her – despite already being warned about this dangerous practice.

Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions to note.

Times Letters page and GMC published responses

There are no letters to note.

Other News

The Press and Journal report that the jury is still out on the two NHS doctors accused of bomb attacks on Glasgow Airport and London. Doctor Bilal Abdulla and Mohammed Asha are accused of conspiracy to murder and to cause explosions.

The Daily Express reports on the inquest into the man who died of a heart attack after waiting four hours to be seen by a doctor in casualty at Manchester Royal Infirmary. Following the case, the hospital unit has now reviewed its procedures.

The Daily Mail notes some research undertaken by the University of Cork which found that doctors and medical students were the worst at following hand washing guidelines.

There is widespread coverage of the NHS doctor, allegedly held captive by her parents, who was freed by a Bangladesh court in a landmark legal victory under the UK's Forced Marriage Act. Dr Humayra Abedin from east London was brought before the High Court in Dhaka and is on her way back to the UK.

A letter in the Daily Telegraph mentions how a call to an emergency doctor on Sunday evening resulted in nearly a 5 hour wait. The letter states that GPs now seem to work a five day week with no emergency cover.

The Sun reports on an MP who is demanding inquests into the deaths of 92 elderly patients at a hospital. Tory Nigel Waterson has written to Justice Secretary Jack Straw urging action over Gosport War Memorial in Hampshire. The article mentions how Dr Harold Shipman is said to have killed 250 patients.

The Argus reports on fertility doctor Dr Edwin Onugha who is accused of sexually assaulting a patient but walked free from Guildford Crown Court after a jury took 15 minutes to find him not guilty.

There is widespread coverage of a new technique developed by Glasgow doctors that could save the NHS millions of pounds and cut hospital admissions all over the world. The new technique helps to spot dangerous internal bleeding.

The Evening Post reports on a woman who died in November last year after being admitted into hospital with dehydration and gastroenteritis. An inquest has heard how missing medical notes and an overdose of fluids could have been factors in her death.

The Press and Journal reports how junior medics claim they are being left out of pocket after being denied expenses. The British Medical Association says the short term contracts have big implications for mortgage applications and rental agreements.

In his column, Jeremy Laurance reviews the Healthcare Commission's report on the state of the NHS which includes figures showing that some primary care trusts did not report patient safety incidents. He concludes that it is likely that there were mistakes made but the culture of the profession means that they are not always reported.

Headlines:

Adhoc report Extracted from MorethanNews.com

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Doctors

Daily Express
 Delivery date : 16/12/2008
 Number of words : 341
Man dies as he waits to see doctor
 A man died of a heart attack after waiting four hours to be seen by a doctor at casualty, an inquest heard.

Doctors

Daily Mail
 Delivery date : 16/12/2008
 Number of words : 38
DID YOU KNOW?
 New research suggests that nurses are cleaner than doctors. The study found that doctors and medical students were the worst, followed by porters. Nurses and healthcare assistants were the most diligent.

Doctors

Evening Standard
 Delivery date : 15/12/2008
 Number of words : 409
No hard feelings, says doctor held by Bangladesh parents
 A London doctor freed by the courts after being held captive by her family in Bangladesh was due to arrive back in Britain today. Dr Abedin, of Upton Park, works at Whipps Cross hospital.

Doctors

Metro
 Delivery date : 16/12/2008
 Number of words : 62
Freed doctor returns home
 Dr Humayra Abedin, the doctor freed by the courts after allegedly being held captive by her family in Bangladesh, was on her way back to Britain last

night.

Doctors

Daily Telegraph

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Number of words : 95

GP emergency cover

Reader's letter about the slowness of getting a doctor to visit a patient at home.

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The Guardian

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Number of words : 407

Doctor protected from forced marriage flies back to Britain

An NHS doctor who was allegedly held captive in Bangladesh by her parents is due to arrive back in Britain today.

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The Independent

Delivery date : 16/12/2008

Number of words : 781

What on earth were we doing performing this 'rescue act'?

Comment on the case of Humayra Abedin, the trainee GP from Bangladesh, being held against her wishes by her family.

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The Independent

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Number of words : 523

Why we need to get doctors talking about their mistakes

Jeremy Laurance writes on medical issues.

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The Sun

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Number of words : 71

Probe call as 92 die

An MP is demanding inquests into the suspicious deaths of 92 elderly patients at a hospital. Tory Nigel Waterson has written to Justice Secretary Jack Straw urging action over Gosport War Memorial, Hants. Two doctors and seven nurses are being investigated. It is noted that in Hyde, Manchester, Dr Harold Shipman is said to have killed 250 patients.

Doctors

TheLondonPaper

Delivery date : 15/12/2008

Number of words : 274

'Forced marriage' doctor returns to UK

Dr Humayra Abedin, the London doctor kidnapped by her family in a forced marriage plot was on her way back home today.

Doctors

Evening Post

Delivery date : 12/12/2008

Number of words : 549

Why didn't doctors see ulcer notes?

An inquest has heard that a combination of missing medical notes and an overdose of fluids to treat a young woman, could have been factors in her death.

GMC

Derby Evening Telegraph

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Number of words : 634

'Worst decision I ever made'

A GP, who did not give penicillin to a child who later died of meningitis, admitted to the General Medical Council, that he did not follow national guidelines and it was the worst decision he ever made.

GMC

Derby Evening Telegraph
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 Number of words : 649

Hearing is told GP failed to follow guidelines on giving girl penicillin

The prosecuting GMC counsel said that if the GP had followed guidelines and administered penicillin, the child who died of meningitis, would have had a greater chance of a successful outcome.

Doctors

The Argus
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Sex assault charge doctor cleared

A jury found a fertility doctor, who was accused of sexually assaulting a patient, not guilty.

GMC

Nottingham Evening Post
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 Number of words : 131

GP admits to worst decision

A GP told the General Medical Council that his failure to give penicillin to a child, who died of meningitis, was the worst decision he ever made.

Doctors

Daily Express
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 Number of words : 126

Time to get tough on the horror of forced marriage

Feltz on the the NHS doctor held captive by her parents in Bangladesh - now returning safely to Britain after the High Court issued a landmark ruling under the new Forced Marriage Act.

GMC

Nottingham Evening Post
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Mum tells GMC inquiry how daughter died of meningitis

The mother of a child who died of meningitis, told the GMC inquiry that the GP diagnosed her daughter as having a "tummy bug", prescribed paracetamol, and after another home visit told them to call emergency services if her condition deteriorated. The inquiry was told that despite considering meningitis, the doctor did not follow national guidelines by giving the child penicillin.

GMC

Peterborough Evening Telegraph
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 Number of words : 242

Doctor's suspension extended

A doctor, who was suspended by the General Medical Council for 18 months for prescription fraud, has seen his jail sentence reduced.

GMC

Western Daily Press
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BLUNDERING GP KEEPS HIS JOB

A piece about a GP who is allowed to continue work, despite an elderly patient dying after he failed to record he that he visited her. The GMC panel has allowed the doctor to continue practising.

GMC

Western Morning News
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Doctor failed to take patient notes

A bungling GP, who was previously warned by the GMC over his poor record-keeping skills, failed to record a visit to a seriously ill pensioner hours before she died. A GMC panel decided not to take any further action against the doctor.

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Evening Times

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Doctor detained by parents freed

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Evening Times

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FIRST FOR DOCS

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FIRST FOR CITY'S DOCS

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Evening Times

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World first for city's doctors

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Evening Express

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UK doctor free from captivity to return

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The Daily Record

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City docs lead way

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The Press and Journal

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Trainee doctors 'missing out on cash'

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The Press and Journal

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Invention wins Inverness man top prize

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The Scotsman
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[Forced marriage doctor heads home](#)

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The Press and Journal
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