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## Press Cuttings Summary

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### Direct Mentions

#### Print and Online Mentions

An article in the BMJ reports on the inquest into the deaths of 10 elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. The piece notes that Dr Jane Barton, one of the doctors involved, faces a GMC hearing once the inquest concludes. [http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/338/mar03\\_3/b903](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/338/mar03_3/b903)

Letters published in the *South Wales Evening Post* discuss the forthcoming Judicial Review into the GMC's decision not to investigate the death of 10-year old Code A. One letter is from Code A.

There is further coverage of the fitness to practise case of Dr Salahuddin Malik in the Dundee Courier <http://www.thecourier.co.uk/output/2009/03/04/newsstory12723557t0.asp>

#### Times Letters page

There are no letters to note today.

#### Other News

#### Broadcast Mentions

There were several mentions on local and national TV and Radio stations yesterday around the government's plans to make patients' medical records accessible to external agencies, without the patient's consent.

#### Headlines:

*The Daily Telegraph* quotes Michael Oliver, emeritus professor of cardiology at Edinburgh University, who has said that many elderly people who considered themselves healthy are being given pills as a 'tick box' exercise, and that 'nowadays few elderly people are allowed to enjoy being healthy.' A similar news item is also featured in *The Daily Mail*.

*The Daily Record* reports that the BMA has stated that patients are being let down by NHS 24, according to their own report on the future of GP services in Scotland. The report is also featured in *The Scottish Daily Mail*.

Surrey and Borders NHS Trust has apologised for the treatment of paranoid schizophrenic patient Daniel Gonzales, who killed four people after begging doctors to lock him up, according to *The Scottish Sun*.

*The Scotsman* (3 March) carries an opinion piece on pharmaceutical companies and their contacts with doctors. The piece quotes Dr Des Spence, a former Scottish doctor, suggesting that doctors should not have contact with pharmaceutical companies and that, if they do, this should be disclosed to patients.

Adhoc report Extracted from [MorethanNews.com](http://MorethanNews.com)

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## Doctors

Daily Telegraph

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GPs 'too quick' to give pills to healthy older patients

Elderly people in good health are being turned into patients by GPs who are too quick to prescribe pills for high blood pressure and cholesterol, a professor has claimed. Michael Oliver, an emeritus professor of cardiology at Edinburgh University, said that pressure to hit targets had seen "medicine by tick box" overtake personal advice at many surgeries, meaning that elderly people who felt perfectly well were being given drugs such as statins that could have debilitating side effects.

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Daily Mail

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Examine your patients on the phone, GPs told

FAMILY doctors were last night urged to diagnose more patients over the phone and to take appointments online to improve their efficiency.

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Daily Record

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PATIENTS 'LET DOWN BY NHS24' SAY DOCS

NHS 24 is "letting patients down" and should be scrapped, Scotland's GPs have insisted.

## NHS issues

The Sun

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Number of words : 60

Krueger kill 'sorry'

HEALTH bosses have said sorry for the bungled treatment of a paranoid schizophrenic who killed four people believing he was his hero Freddy Krueger.

## Web links:

### National Newspapers:

The Times

The Independent

The Guardian

The Daily Telegraph

The Daily Mail

The Daily Mirror

The Daily Express

The Sun

The Financial Times

### Online Media:

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The Scotsman

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