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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print and Online Mentions

BMA News (6 June)

- A news item mentions the GMC End of Life podcast recorded by Radio 4 presenter Barbara Myers, who talks with GMC working group chair Lady Christine Eames. The piece includes a link to the consultation and podcast and was placed by the media team.
- A letter written by Andrew Brown, Chair of the conference of honorary secretaries of BMA divisions, Lincoln, talks jointly about MPs' expenses claims and the revalidation of doctors. It mentions that 'it was the BMA that led the process that culminated in the Medical Act 1858, by which the GMC was established'. The letter says that MPs should have a 'General Political Council' and go through a revalidation style process in much the same way as doctors will have to do.

BMJ (6 June)

- An article about whistle-blowing mentions the GMC's stipulation that doctors have an ethical duty to raise concerns. It also mentions research that found when a complaint was made to the GMC, the complainant was first investigated himself.
- A news item reports on the forthcoming hearing for Dr Jane Barton.
- The Newshound column features news of two GMC fitness to practise consultations on hearings management and consensual disposal, having been placed by the media team.

The fitness to practise cases of Drs Wright and Bond are mentioned in local press.

The Liverpool Echo and The Liverpool Daily Post report that Dr Malcolm Darley, who has been cleared of storing indecent images of children and convicted of kerb-crawling, is suspended by the GMC.

Broadcast Mentions

GMC Council member Ros Levenson was interviewed for Carers World Radio to promote the *End of Life Care* consultation.

To listen to the podcast, please visit: http://www.carersworldradio.com/page_1218638207828.html

Times Letters

Code A of the Care Not Killing Alliance, writes to challenge Lord Falconer following the recent article on 3 June, "a more civilised approach to suicide".

Other News

The Press and Journal reports that Richard Lochhead MSP has called for the investigation into Dr Willem Van IJperen by his employers be 'sped up.' The doctor did not report that a 14 year old patient had been admitted to hospital with a sexually transmitted disease to police and social workers.

A brief comment in The Daily Mirror notes that doctors object to calling patients 'clients' or 'service-users'.

The Daily Mail features an exposé of the private life of TV doctor Hilary Jones.

Headlines:

Doctors

Daily Mirror

Delivery date : 06/06/2009

Number of words : 58

DOCTORS are challenging the use

Fiona Phillips comments on the news that doctors are challenging the use of politically-correct language in the NHS.

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BMA News

Delivery date : 06/06/2009

Number of words : 93

GMC records end-of-life podcast

GMC records end-of-life podcast A GMC podcast discussing issues surrounding end-of-life treatment and care has been launched.

End of Life

The Times

Delivery date : 06/06/2009

Number of words : 225

Existing suicide law stops sinister deaths

Sir, Lord Falconer of Thoroton ("A more civilised approach to suicide", June 3) makes a case for changing the law, which is heavy on spin and reassuring clichés but light on common sense and reality.

Doctors

Daily Mail

Delivery date : 06/06/2009

Number of words : 1990

The TV doctor, his wife, her (toyboy) lover and his TWO mistresses

A piece on the private life of day time television Dr Hilary Jones.

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BMA News

Delivery date : 06/06/2009

Number of words : 209

Revalidate MPs

Doctors in all branches of practice will be contemplating two major news items of the moment: loss of trust in politicians over MPs' expenses claims, and revalidation of doctors.

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BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 06/06/2009

Number of words : 300

GP faces GMC hearing over 12 deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital

Clare Dyer BMJ A GP accused of giving elderly patients excessive doses of opiates in the 1990s faces a hearing at the General Medical Council to decide whether she is fit to practise.

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BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 06/06/2009

Number of words : 873

THIS WEEK

EDITORIALS 1339 Sigmoidoscopy screening for colorectal cancer May reduce mortality, but longer term results are awaited, says Thomas F Imperiale » Research, p 1363 1340 Treatment of enteric fever Fluoroquinolones remain the best option in areas where resistance is uncommon, say Christopher M Parry and NickJ Beeching » Research, p 1371 1341 Changing the face of whistleblowing Statutory protection, regulatory support and culture change are needed, says Peter Gooderham 1343 The Conservative Party's

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BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 06/06/2009

Number of words : 1130

Changing the face of whistleblowing

A decade after the scandal at Bristol Royal Infirmary' whistleblowing is still hazardous to whistleblowers.

Doctors

The Press and Journal

Delivery date : 06/06/2009

Number of words : 230

MSP calls for investigation into doctor to be hastened

MORAY MSP Richard Lochhead is calling on hospital bosses to speed up their investigation into a children's doctor suspended amid claims he failed to alert police and social workers when a 14-year-old girl was admitted to hospital with a sexually-transmitted disease.

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BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 06/06/2009

Number of words : 70

GMC to conclude more cases by " consensual disposal

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BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 06/06/2009

Number of words : 41

must register to continue training satisfactorily

must register to continue training satisfactorily completed 12 months of training should register with the GMC in order to continue their training, warns the UK Foundation Office.

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BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 06/06/2009

Number of words : 207

GMC to consult on improving fitness to practise hearings

The General Medical Council has begun a consultation on the way it manages its fitness to practise hearings.

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GP Magazine

Delivery date : 05/06/2009

Number of words : 118

Confidentiality advice does not fall foul of law

In revising our advice on confidentiality (GP, 22 May) theGMC has taken into account legislation and case law in the UK and Europe and are confident our new guidance will not encourage doctors to break any law.

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GP Magazine

Delivery date : 05/06/2009

Number of words : 199

Fake doctor impersonates GP and examines patient

A fake doctor managed to physically examine a patient after obtaining another GP's documents, a court has heard.

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Dorset Evening Echo

Delivery date : 01/06/2009

Number of words : 274

Painkiller addict doctor can keep his job

A hospital doctor who wrote hundreds of fake prescriptions to feed his addiction to painkillers has been allowed to keep his job. Timothy Wright, helped himself to medication while working in Dorset County Hospital's A&E department at Dorchester. The former Army doctor

was convicted of nine offences and admitted another 522 crimes at Bournemouth Crown Court last year, the General Medical Council was told. He was sentenced to 12 months in prison. He wrote private prescriptions for codeine and morphine in his name and those of his family over a five-year period.

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Liverpool Daily Post

Delivery date : 05/06/2009

Number of words : 197

Psychiatrist not guilty of child porn charges

A consultant psychiatrist has been cleared of storing obscene images of children.

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Liverpool Echo

Delivery date : 04/06/2009

Number of words : 399

City doc denies kid porn shame

A doctors told jurors he was completely unaware of obscene images of children found on his computer. Dr Malcolm Darley was suspended shortly after his arrest and is also facing a disciplinary investigation by the General Medical Council.

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Yorkshire Evening Post

Delivery date : 04/06/2009

Number of words : 443

Doctor tore test results up after death of patient

Dr Bond, a GP who denies misconduct over destroying test results on a patient who later died, has told a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing he "lost control of (his) emotions".

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:

The BBC

Channel 4

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Other Regular Newspapers:

The Scotsman

The Herald

The Press & Journal

The Manchester Evening News

Irish News

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Medical Press:

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