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## Press Cuttings Summary

**Sunday 18 May 2008**

### Direct Mentions

#### Print mentions

*The Argus* reports on the review of health facilities at West Sussex PCT, chaired by GMC President Sir Graeme Catto.

Cosmetic surgery advice in the *News of the World* advises readers to check that their surgeon is on the GMC's Specialist Register for Plastic Surgery.

A *Sunday Express* article on non-surgical cosmetic procedures warns that those carrying out non-invasive procedures are not regulated, whereas cosmetic surgeons are regulated by the GMC.

The *Sunday Times* reports that there is to be an inquest into the deaths of 10 people at a convalescent unit in Hampshire. The article mentions that Dr Jane Barton, one of the doctors at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, has been reported to the GMC for 'unprofessional conduct'.

*The Birmingham Post* reports that there is to be an inquest into the death of a man at a nursing home run by two doctors. Leslie Vines died at the home in King's Heath in 2002. The home has since closed and Code A and Pratury Samrajya Lakshmi were removed from the medical register by the GMC for serious professional misconduct in 2007.

*The Sentinel* continues to report on the Fitness to Practise hearing of Code A Samuels and Spencer.

The *Manchester Evening News* covers the Fitness to Practise hearing of Dr Navneet Ahluwalia.

The *Yorkshire Post* reports that the GMC is investigating Dr Puvaneswary Markandoo.

#### Broadcast mentions

There are no broadcast mentions.

#### Times Letters page and GMC published responses

There are no letters of note.

## Other News

*The Sentinel* and *Black Country Mail* report that the case against Dr Priya Ramnath at Wolverhampton Crown Court has been adjourned until October. Dr Ramnath is accused of manslaughter following the death of one of her patients in 1998.

*The Observer* and *The Sunday Times* run opinion pieces on the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill.

The *Sunday Mirror* reports that Health Secretary Alan Johnson plans to ask NHS chiefs to increase support for the elderly, while *The Sunday Telegraph* reports on a report by Help the Aged, due out next week, which claims that the elderly face discrimination in health services.

The *Sunday Express* and *Mail on Sunday* run opinion pieces on Cherie Blair's decision not to disclose at the time that her son had received the MMR triple vaccine.

The *News of the World* reports on problems with the NHS's new computer system and concerns over the confidentiality of patient records.

## Headlines:

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#### 2. Doctors

The Sunday Telegraph  
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 Number of words : 136

Elderly routinely 'ripped off and refused treatment

Elderly people routinely face discrimination over health and financial services, according to Help the Aged. The charity says millions of pensioners are rejected or overcharged by insurance companies, while hospitals restrict drugs and operations.

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#### 1. GMC

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD  
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Nips/ tucks/ tips

Harley Street surgeon Angelica Kavouni gives cosmetic surgery advice.

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#### 2. Doctors

Sunday Express  
 Delivery date : 18/05/2008  
 Number of words : 477

Children betrayed by Cherie

Julia Hartley-Brewer lambasts Cherie Blair for concealing the fact that her son Leo received the MMR jab.

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#### 3. Miscellaneous

The Observer

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Number of words : 1176

MPs must give scientists the power to save lives

The Observer features an opinion piece on the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (HFE) Bill, arguing that "MPs must give scientists the power to save lives".

## 2. Doctors

The Sunday Times

Delivery date : 18/05/2008

Number of words : 1163

Don't mess with abortion

Rachel Johnson article on the forthcoming vote on abortion.

## 3. NHS issues

Sunday Mirror

Delivery date : 18/05/2008

Number of words : 181

'help the old' call

Health Secretary Alan Johnson will order NHS chiefs to "up their game" this week and do more to help the elderly.

## 1. GMC

Sunday Express

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Number of words : 991

Here comes the Botoxed bride

New research reveals that cosmetic surgery is rocketing in popularity.

## 2. Doctors

News of the World

Delivery date : 18/05/2008

Number of words : 74

Docs' IT sickener

Doctors have abandoned the NHS's new £12.7 billion computer system because it does not work. A review revealed GPs found it so bad they were refusing to log on.

## 1. GMC

The Sunday Times

Delivery date : 18/05/2008

Number of words : 703

Convalescent unit faces inquest into suspicious deaths

Justice Secretary Jack Straw has ordered an inquest into 10 suspicious deaths at an old people's convalescent unit in Hampshire.

## 3. Miscellaneous

The Mail on Sunday

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Number of words : 480

Little Leo's jab: So how infallible is his mother's memory?

Columnist comments on Cherie Blair and the "MMR issue".

## 1. GMC

Manchester Evening News

Delivery date : 15/05/2008

Number of words : 278

Doctor's ?85,000 scam

The General Medical Council found that a doctor had scammed insurance companies for almost ?85,000.

## 2. Doctors

The Birmingham Mail

Delivery date : 15/05/2008

Number of words : 80

Doc case adjourned

The case that has seen a doctor from Stafford accused of killing a patient with an injection of adrenaline nearly 10 years ago has been further adjourned at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

## 2. Doctors

The Sentinel

Delivery date : 15/05/2008

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Doctor comes back to court

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## 1. GMC

The Yorkshire Post

Delivery date : 16/05/2008

Number of words : 259

Lawyers in medical case ready to meet

Surgeon Puvaneswary Markandoo, is at the center of a speculation for botched breast implants of more than 30 women. The GMC are investigating.

## 1. GMC

Birmingham Post

Delivery date : 16/05/2008

Number of words : 508

Family wins inquest order after five-year legal battle

A war veteran that died in the care of GPs, Code A and his wife Dr Pratury Samrajya Lakshmi, have both been struck off the Medical Register by the General Medical Council in January 2007. The family has been fighting the case for five years.

## 1. GMC

The Birmingham Mail

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Number of words : 367

I feared my father's death would be swept under the carpet

Maypole owners Code A and his wife Dr Pratury Lakshmi were both struck off the medical register by the General Medical Council last year for serious professional misconduct.

## 1. GMC

The Sentinel

Delivery date : 16/05/2008

Number of words : 84

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE

A General Medical Council hearing was today continuing in Manchester into allegations of serious professional misconduct against North Staffordshire paediatricians Doctors Andrew Spencer, Martin Samuels and Code A

## 1. GMC

The Argus

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Have your say on the future of services

General Medical Council president Sir Graeme Catto is chairing a review of health facilities in the Crawley and Horsham areas.

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