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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

Council member Enid Rowlands writes about the GMC's consultation for the draft 'End of Life Care' consultation in the *Western Mail*. She describes the issues that will feature in the guidance, such as when it may be appropriate to start or withdraw life-prolonging treatments and calls on members of the Welsh public to respond with their views. For full article see attached PDF file.

There is an article in the *BMJ* that looks at anti-MMR/vaccination lobby groups and those scientists trying to persuade more members of the public to have their children immunised. The article mentions that Code A is currently facing a GMC fitness to practise hearing over research misconduct:

http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/338/jun22_2/b2435

There are online mentions that the GMC is moving to new offices in Manchester:

http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/business/s/1121858_gmc_expands_in_city

There are further regional mentions that Code A is suing Great Ormond Street Hospital after they did not renew her contract, in relation to the Baby P case. The article mentions that Code A is currently suspended by the GMC (*Oxford Mail*).

There are mentions of the following fitness to practise hearings/Interim Orders Panels:

- Code A common assault – warning issued)
- Dr Jane Barton (conduct in relation to deaths of elderly patients – hearing is ongoing)
- Code A (conduct in relation to an inquest – fitness to practise not impaired and no warning issued)

The *Coventry Observer* online mentions that Code A has been honoured by the Punjabi Writers Association. The article notes that Code A was cleared of bullying allegations" by the GMC:

<http://www.coventryobserver.co.uk/news77033.html>

Broadcast Mentions

BBC Southampton continues to cover the Dr Jane Barton hearing.

Times Letters page

There are no letters to note today.

Other News

The Independent reports on the suicide of MS sufferer Cari Loder, who was also recognised for pioneering treatment for the disease. Ms Loder purchased a suicide kit over the internet as she feared being admitted into a care home as her condition deteriorated.

There are online comments on *The Guardian's* website about end of life issues. The first is a comment piece from Sarah Wotton, Chief Executive for Dignity in Dying, who makes it clear that she and her supporters wish for legal safeguards around the issue of assisted dying, not assisted suicide or euthanasia. The second is a blog from Royal College of GPs Chair Professor [Code A] who feels there is no place for assisted suicide in the UK. He argues for greater use of quality palliative care.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/jun/22/assisted-suicide-dying?commentpage=1>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/joepublic/2009/jun/22/assisted-suicide-uk-nhs>

Headlines:

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Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 23/06/2009

Number of words : 98

Doctor threw drink at rail worker

A doctor threw a cup of cola into a railway worker's face after he was turned away from a train. [Code A] was given a formal warning by the General Medical Council after he lost his temper with the Leeds City station guard. The worker refused to open the InterCity doors though the doctor's wife was on board.

Miscellaneous

The Independent

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MS treatment pioneer takes her own life

A multiple sclerosis sufferer who pioneered a treatment for the disease asked her neighbour to walk her dog and then ended her life using a suicide kit bought over the internet. Cari Loder, 48, committed suicide in her home near Godalming, Surrey using a helium-based suicide kit because she was terrified of being taken into a care home. Surrey Police have begun an investigation into Ms Loder's death and have arrested and released on bail a 70-year-old man on suspicion of helping Ms Loder commit suicide.

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Oxford Mail

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Number of words : 350

BABY P DOCTOR FIGHTS SACKING

Consultant paediatrician [Code A] the doctor who failed to spot that Baby P had a broken back and ribs days before his death, is suing her former employers over her dismissal. The doctor was suspended by the General Medical Council in November last year. A report by health regulator the Care Quality Commission last month criticised staffing levels at St Ann's. It found that [Code A] had no contact with Peter's social worker, and was given no details about the child's previous hospital admissions.

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The News

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Hospital patients were 'left to die', hearing is told

Elderly patients were left to die without fluids because medical staff did not want them to recover, a GMC panel has heard.

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Western Morning News
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 Number of words : 460

Doctor sues hospital over 'Baby P' dismissal

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Norwich Evening News
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Doctor found guilty of misconduct can continue to practise

A former Home Office pathologist who wrongly argued that a Lowestoft woman was murdered, can continue to practise medicine, a disciplinary panel has ruled. Mention is made of the General Medical Council.

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