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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print and Online Mentions

Local and regional media continue to report on the fitness to practise cases of:

- Code A (also online at <http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/doctor-accused-of-giving-patient-overdose-of-painkillers-1777526.html>)
- Code A
- Dr Julian Eden

The News (Portsmouth) prints letters from patients of Dr Jane Barton, who support the doctor and maintain that she is 'honest and trusting'.

The doctor who is accused of cutting (Harlequins rugby player) Tom Williams' lip at a match, in order to add credibility to a faked injury, is the subject of further reporting in The Guardian.

The story is also reported on Rugby World: http://www.rugbyworld.com/Story/0,18830,3551_5514081,00.html

The Eastern Daily Press reports that the East of England Ambulance Service is defending its use of foreign GPs after the 'Royal College of GPs and the GMC called for a "radical review" of out of hours care.'

Michael White, writing for HSJ (online) refers to the RCGP and GMC call for EU doctors to undergo fitness to practise tests before working in Britain: <http://www.hsj.co.uk/comment/opinion/-michael-white-on-nhs-consultancy-costs/5005585.article>

Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions to note.

Times Letters

There are no letters to note today.

Other News

There are various reports in the national media about claims from the Patients Association that over a million elderly NHS patients have been the victims of cruelty and poor care. The report is particularly concerned with the treatment and attitude of nurses.

The Scotsman includes news that the medical advice about Lockerbie bomber Abdelbaset Ali Mohmed al-Megrahi, which indicated he had less than three months to live, was given by a prison GP, and not a cancer specialist. Not one of the four prostate cancer specialists who were consulted about the patient's treatment was willing to endorse this prognosis.

The Scotsman and the Daily Record also note that Brian Keighley has been named chairman of the BMA in Scotland.

Headlines:

Adhoc report Extracted from MorethanNews.com

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GMC

Eastern Daily Press
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Ambulance bosses stand by their GPs

Ambulance bosses have defended the use of foreign GPs after being criticised for paying them to fly in from other countries due to a shortage of doctors in the region. The Royal College of GPs and the General Medical Council called for a "radical review" of out-of-hours care so that the NHS no longer has to rely on help from abroad: a third of primary care trusts are flying GPs from as far away as Lithuania, Poland and Switzerland because of a shortage of doctors in Britain willing to work in the evenings and at weekends.

GMC

Derby Evening Telegraph
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 Number of words : 97

Doctor faces GMC

A news piece notes the case of a doctor who injected a patient with six times the correct dose of painkiller within an hour of visiting a grandmother who died after he administered a similar overdose. **Code A** is facing a GMC disciplinary Fitness to Practise hearing in relation to four patients whom he treated with painkilling drugs while working for the out-of-hours GP service Cuedoc.

GMC

The Birmingham Post
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GP 'forced vulnerable teen into sex act'

A GP forced a teenage acne patient with learning difficulties to perform a sex act on him at his surgery, a GMC medical tribunal has heard.

Doctors

Daily Record
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GP leads Scottish doctors

SCOTLAND'S doctors have appointed a new leader. **Code A** has been elected chairman of the British Medical Association north of the Border.

Doctors

The Scotsman
 Delivery date : 27/08/2009
 Number of words : 1218

Megrahi: GP gave advice, not cancer expert

THE crucial medical advice that concluded the Lockerbie bomber had less than three months to live was given by a prison doctor and not a cancer specialist, The Scotsman can reveal.

GMC

Nottingham Evening Post
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 Number of words : 86

Medic faces hearing over drug overdoses

A doctor injected a patient with six times the correct dose of painkiller within an hour of visiting a grandmother who died after he administered a similar overdose, a General Medical Council hearing has heard.

Doctors

The Scotsman

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Number of words : 184

Rural GP named as new doctors' leader

DOCTORS in Scotland have elected a new leader to represent them. Rural GP [Code A] has been named chairman of the British Medical Association (BMA) in Scotland, replacing consultant Peter Terry, who held the post for five years.

GMC

The News

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We all make mistakes

Reader's letter noting, with regard to the General Medical Council findings on Doctor Barton, she still maintains that she is an honest and trusting doctor, and will continue to be her patient.

GMC

Evening Express

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'Doctor was too intimate with his patients'

A FAMILY doctor began a string of affairs after being warned he was getting "too intimate" with patients about his crumbling marriage, a medical tribunal heard.

GMC

Evening Standard

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Online doctor who flouted prescription ban could be struck off

A pioneering online doctor faces being struck off after he was found guilty of misconduct for breaching a ban preventing him prescribing drugs over the internet. Dr Julian Eden, 47, ran successful online site "e-med" for five years before he was found guilty of making "multiple misprescriptions" in 2007 and banned for two years. In the most serious case he gave 60 sedatives to a suicidal teenager who later overdosed. Eden was back prescribing drugs five months after his suspension started, the General Medical Council was told, continuing to prescribe drugs through his website while attempting to appeal against the decision at the High Court. Eden was found guilty of misconduct for the second time yesterday by his governing body.

GMC

London Lite

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Online doc faces being struck off

A doctor was found guilty of misconduct today for breaching a ban on prescribing drugs on the internet.

GMC

The Guardian

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Number of words : 869

Doctor's future at Harlequins thrown into doubt over 'cutting player's lip' in cover-up

The future of the doctor who found herself unwittingly caught up in the Harlequins Bloodgate scandal was shrouded in mystery last night with the club refusing to say whether she would be involved at the Stoop in the new season, which starts next week.

NHS issues

Daily Telegraph

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Number of words : 1623

Cruelty, squalor on NHS

According to a report released yesterday, millions of NHS patients have been the victims of appalling care in hospitals across Britain. While the criticisms cover all aspects of hospital care, the treatment and attitude of nurses stands out as a repeated theme.

NHS issues

The Sun

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'Cruelty' of nurses

Nurses were slammed yesterday for their "cruel" and "demeaning" treatment of elderly hospital patients.

NHS issues

The Times

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Nurses 'left elderly patients lying in urine'

The Patients' Association has criticised NHS nurses after it recorded 16 incidents of elderly patients being left lying in their own faeces and urine, or without food or drink or a call bell. It called for an "urgent review of standards of basic care" and for tougher rules. The Chief Nursing Officer, Christine Beasley, said: "The poor care in these cases is simply unacceptable. The vast majority of patients experience good quality, safe and effective care."

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