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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

Pulse Online reports on the BMA calling for the government to remove a clause in the medical act which could mean the GMC can test the English proficiency and medical skills of all non-UK trained doctors, including those who trained in the EU:

http://www.pulsetoday.co.uk/story.asp?storycode=4125517&cid=Latest_headlines_2_220310

The Times' 'In Court' section and the *Coventry Telegraph* mention the start of Code A appeal hearing against the GMC's decision to erase him from the medical register. The story is also picked up online:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1259796/Leading-child-abuse-expert-appeals-decision-strike-truly-shocking-accusations.html>

<http://uk.news.yahoo.com/21/20100322/thl-paediatrician-launches-court-bid-d831572.html>

Fitness to Practise

Following allegations of substandard patient care at the Yarl's Wood immigration detention centre, *The Guardian* reports that three doctors have been referred to the GMC for investigation. The doctors are not named in the article.

The *Western Mail* interviews the widow of the patient who died under the care of Dr Salawati Abdul Salam, recently suspended for four months by the GMC. Mrs Pamela Perriam claims the decision was "too lenient".

The *Burton Mail* reports that Code A is "under investigation" by the GMC. Dr Singh's fitness to practise hearing commenced on 15 March and is continuing.

The *Cambridge News* looks at the growing incidence of mumps in the community and quotes from the GMC's findings on fact in the case against Code A and colleagues.

Broadcast Mentions

Code A appeal to the Civil Appeal Court was reported on BBC Radio Stoke yesterday.

BBC One Southampton and BBC One South report that Dr Jane Barton, who had conditions imposed on her registration following a fitness to practise hearing earlier this year, has retired.

Letters pages

There are no relevant letters today.

Other News

Code A Chair of the Royal College of GPs, has said that as demands on family doctors time increases, they would like to spend more time with patients who have complex health needs and for patients with minor ailments to see nurses or use telephone consultations. The Patients Association have said the RCGP's plans were sensible (*The Guardian*).

Figures from employment tribunals have found that people using whistleblowing legislation have increased tenfold, according to *The Guardian* (online). The article notes the cases of three doctors who raised concerns about patient safety:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/money/2010/mar/22/tenfold-rise-whistleblower-cases-tribunal>

Headlines:

GMC

Burton Mail

Delivery date : 18/03/2010

Number of words : 198

GP is examined

A Burton doctor could be struck off after he allegedly failed to assess patients properly before prescribing them medicines.

GMC

Cambridge News

Delivery date : 19/03/2010

Number of words : 524

Mumps on march in wake of autism scare

Mumps cases have quadrupled in Cambridgeshire in a single year-with doctors blaming the lasting effects of the MMR vaccine scare. Jack Grove examines how the controversial Code A affair continues to affect public health, noting the General Medical Council.

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Coventry Telegraph

Delivery date : 23/03/2010

Number of words : 331

DOCTOR BIDS TO OVERTURN GMC RULING

A CONSULTANT NT paediatrician of "international repute" who was struck off the medical register for serious professional misconduct in the West Midlands has begun a Court of Appeal battle in his bid for reinstatement.

Colleges & Regulators

The Guardian

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Number of words : 450

GPs propose longer consultations with seriously ill patients

The Royal College of GPs (RCGP) is calling for GPs to spend more time with sicker patients while those with minor ailments should see a nurse, ring a helpline or go online for a video consultation.

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The Guardian

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Detention centre doctors investigated amid fears over care

The General Medical Council is to investigate three doctors working at Yarl's Wood immigration detention centre, amid calls for healthcare at the centre to be transferred from the private sector to the NHS.

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The Times

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In court today

High Court appearance comment noting that an appeal by Code A a consultant paediatrician, who was struck off the GMC's medical register for serious professional misconduct, will be heard today.

GMC

Western Mail

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'Careless' doctor should have been struck off, says widow

THE widow of a pensioner who was one of two patients who died after being misdiagnosed by a doctor, has criticised the "lenient" sanction imposed at a professional hearing.

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