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Please find the press cuttings summary below. Due to a planned power cut at our media monitoring supplier TNS, we are unable to gain online access and are therefore unable to provide the web links to the articles. However it is anticipated that a full service will be resumed tomorrow and I will include the links then.

Press Cuttings Summary  
 Saturday 16 May 2009

Direct Mentions  
 Print Mentions

The Plymouth Herald reports that the GMC is writing to ask doctors to decide if they will need to apply for a licence to practice, when the law changes later this year. The article was placed by the media team.

The Portsmouth News and Northern Echo report on the forthcoming fitness to practise case of Dr Jane Barton.

BMA News (16 May 09)

- GMC guidance on good practice when referring patients to other doctors for treatment is mentioned in a brief news item in regards to an inquiry into the death a patient in Northern Ireland. The patients' various doctors argued over who was responsible for their care while their condition deteriorated

BMJ (16 May 09)

- A round-up of new items on the BMJ's website notes a blog from the head of Palliative care at the Royal Marsden Hospital, hoping to see an increase in advance care plans after "publication of guidance from the...GMC".
- A news item mentions the new GMC Reference Community. It says that the GMC is seeking GP volunteers to join a new advisory panel to guide the council on policy and decisions. This was placed by the media team.

Pulse (13 May 09)

- Copperfield, in his column, writes about patients who demand sick notes from their GP. He notes that one such patient called for a colleague of his to be referred to the GMC for not giving them what they want.

The Northern Ireland Medical Review features an article on the ethical debate about euthanasia, the article makes reference to the GMC's consultation on End of Life Care.

Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions to note.

Times Letters page and GMC published responses There are no letters to note.

## Other News

The Daily Telegraph reports how a mother died from meningitis five days after doctors told her family to “stop fussing” and diagnosed gastroenteritis. The family is considering legal action.

The Evening Standard reports that Great Ormond Street Hospital have tried to ‘hide Baby P failings with a spin campaign’. This follows an article in the paper earlier this week which reported that all four consultants at the clinic at that time had written a letter to hospital management warning that ‘understaffing at St Ann’s created a “very high risk” to children’s safety.’

The Yorkshire Post reports how millions of pounds is to be spent on improving end of life healthcare in Rotherham. People in the town will be asked next week about how they would like to be treated as part of Rotherham’s ‘At The End It Matters’ campaign.

The Scotsman carried a story on 15 May about new targets for numbers of organ donors in Scotland. The article quotes John Forsythe, Scotland’s lead clinician for transplantation, as saying that the actions of Harold Shipman created ‘a slight loss of trust between those who deliver care and those who receive care on the NHS’:

<http://news.scotsman.com/scotland/Sturgeon-sets-new-target-as.5270494.jp>