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# Press Cuttings Summary

**Wednesday 25 August 2010**

## Direct Mentions

### Print & Online Mentions

*The Daily Telegraph* and the BBC report that Code A could yet be struck off by German regulators after a decision not to investigate him was reversed by the local authorities.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-11077793>

The CPS's decision not to take forward further action in relation to Dr Jane Barton is reported by the BMJ:

[http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/341/aug24\\_2/c4635](http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/extract/341/aug24_2/c4635)

### Fitness to Practise

There is widespread national, international, regional and local print and online coverage of Code A ongoing hearing.

The following cases are also reported or commented upon:

- Code A  
<http://www.thisisplymouth.co.uk/news/Heart-doctor-used-dangerous-technique/article-2566510-detail/article.html>
- Code A  
[http://www.dissexpress.co.uk/news/regional/gp\\_who\\_missed\\_cancer\\_signs\\_can\\_keep\\_working\\_1\\_799953](http://www.dissexpress.co.uk/news/regional/gp_who_missed_cancer_signs_can_keep_working_1_799953)  
[http://www.lynnnews.co.uk/news/regional/patient\\_s\\_safety\\_risk\\_from\\_doctor\\_s\\_failings\\_1\\_798733](http://www.lynnnews.co.uk/news/regional/patient_s_safety_risk_from_doctor_s_failings_1_798733)
- Dr Gideon Lauffer  
<http://www.ilfordrecorder.co.uk/content/redbridge/recorder/postbag/story.aspx?brand=RECOOnline&category=postbagilford&tBrand=northlondon24&tCategory=postbagilford&itemid=WeED24%20Aug%202010%2010%3A06%3A25%3A557>
- Dr Theodore Soutzos  
<http://www.bucksherald.co.uk/latest-london-news/Psychiatrist-39had-soft-spot39-for.6489691.jp>  
[http://www.surreycomet.co.uk/news/wandsworth/8344676.Psychiatrist\\_had\\_sexual\\_relationship\\_with\\_patient\\_hearing\\_told/](http://www.surreycomet.co.uk/news/wandsworth/8344676.Psychiatrist_had_sexual_relationship_with_patient_hearing_told/)
- Dr Aivar Bracka  
[http://www.stourbridgenews.co.uk/news/8348046.Top\\_Wordsley\\_surgeon\\_faces\\_new\\_sex\\_probe/](http://www.stourbridgenews.co.uk/news/8348046.Top_Wordsley_surgeon_faces_new_sex_probe/)

### Broadcast Mentions

There were several mentions across the radio and TV networks yesterday about Code A fitness to practise hearing, including BBC One's '6 O'clock news', Radio 4's 'PM' programme, 'Channel 4 News' and Sky News. The news items focus on Code A giving evidence yesterday.

### Letters pages

There are no relevant letters to note.

### Other News

A British GP has died in a plane crash near Kathmandu, Nepal, according to *The Sun*.

**Headlines:**

MTN - Broadcast,GMC (Press) 11 article(s)

**OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO NHS**

The enormity of the proposed changes to the NHS in England is now sinking in and opposition is building. Unison is launching legal action against the Government over the health white paper, claiming that the NHS Chief Executive has instructed senior managers to implement changes straight away. The Muscular Dystrophy Campaign has warned that many GPs have little expert knowledge of the diagnosis and treatment of muscle wasting diseases. Reporter - Murray Field [PHONETIC] is a keen model maker, he suffers from muscular dystrophy, a severe progressive muscle wasting disease. INTERVIEW: JANE FIELD, MOTHER - people say well it doesn't matter. We don't know quite how steroids work. Reporter - with this new system Primary Care Trusts will be scrapped, and GPs given the power and the money to decide what hospital care, if any a patient needs. INTERVIEW: PROF TERENCE STEPHENSON, PRESIDENT, ROYAL COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICS - GPs are very well placed to know the needs of a population and a public. INTERVIEW: DR CHARLES BROOMHEAD, GP, HAWTHORNS SURGERY - I think we'll become more efficient. The BMA and the GMC have said that it's very important that we have cost as a secondary consideration in terms of the treatment we provide for our patients. Presenter - we asked the Department of Health for a Minister to discuss this but our request was declined.

**BBC 2 - NEWSNIGHT** - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010

**GERMAN COURT TO RULE ON [Code A] GAG ORDER ON SONS OF VICTIM**

[Code A] have decided to try to discredit [Code A] who gave a fatal dose to their father [Code A] He was struck off the GMC. INTERVIEW: [Code A] - there's been so many extraordinary decisions made I've no confidence what so ever.

**BBC 1 East (East) - Look East** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

**NEWSPAPER REVIEW**

TELEGRAPH - David and Samantha Cameron / pensioners and families with children biggest victims of George Osborne's emergency budget. Presenter - that report came from the Institute of Fiscal Studies. GUARDIAN - David Cameron has a new child. MAIL - NICE accused of down playing benefits of Avastin] EXPRESS - it just popped out / millions of travellers face a perfect storm of travel chaos for holiday weekend METRO - X Factor hopeful MIRROR - X Factor TIMES - [Code A] at the General Medical Council. Presenter - she admitted cutting a player who had faked injury. TIMES - David Miliband warning Labour party led by any of his rivals would risk be seeing as naive and behind the times TELEGRAPH - failure is an option and it is a good option.

**BBC 1 - BREAKFAST** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

**THE KENT DOCTOR INVOLVED IN THE RUGBY BLOODGATE SCANDAL HAS TOLD A GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL HEARING T**

She cut the lip of a player, who has faked an injury.

**BBC 1 South East - SOUTH EAST TODAY** - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010

**NEWSPAPER REVIEW**

TIMES - [Code A] arriving at GMC hearing/David Miliband warns that Labour party led by any other would be seen as behind the times. INDEPENDENT - non, nein, no. TELEGRAPH - the Camerons have a beautiful girl. David Cameron says maybe it will have a Cornish reference/pensioners and families will be the biggest victims of George Osborne's emergency budget says Institute of Fiscal Studies. EXPRESS - bank holiday hell for 20 million. MAIL - betrayal of the cancer patients. Avastin decision by NICE/Camerons.

**BBC 1 - BREAKFAST** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

**DOCTOR COULD BE STRUCK OFF MEDICAL REGISTER AFTER ADMITTING FAKING RUGBY INJURY**

She admitted faking an injury to a rugby player in the Heineken Cup quarter finals. [Code A] worked as an A & E consultant at Maidstone Hospital. Today she broke down in tears as she gave evidence before a disciplinary hearing over the so-called bloodgate scandal. Reporter - [Code A] arrived at the General Medical Council Disciplinary Hearing where she had admitted for the first time cutting the lip of Harlequins winger Tom Williams.

**ITV 1 Meridian South East - Meridian Tonight** - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010

**GERMAN COURT TO RULE ON WHETHER [Code A] CAN GAG SONS**

They are of a Cambridgeshire man he killed. [Code A] have tried to discredit [Code A] who gave a fatal dose of painkillers to their father [Code A] in 2008. He was struck off by the GMC and can't work here. INTERVIEW: [Code A] - so many things can happen.

**BBC 1 East (West) - Look East** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

**AUTHORITIES IN GERMANY SAY THEY WILL CONSIDER INQUIRY AGAINST GERMAN DOCTOR**

He killed a patient here in Britain. [Code A] was working for the NHS in Cambridgeshire when he administered an overdose to [Code A]. Reporter [Code A] died after being given ten times the recommended dose of a painkiller by [Code A] family say [Code A] should never have been allowed to continue working. STUDIO INTERVIEW: [Code A] - the actual people carrying out the inquiry is the local government and not the medical regulators. [Code A] took a court case against them and it was found that it was illegal for them to investigate him. They cant report on him, they cant identify him, they cant say his name or where he works. He's been struck off by the GMC for not only killing my father but mistreatment of patients.  
**ITV 1 - GMTV NEWS HOUR** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

#### DOCTOR IN THE RUGBY BLOOD GATE APPEARS BEFORE THE GMC

The doctor who cut the Harlequins rugby player, Tom Williams to make it look like he was injured during a match has told the disciplinary hearing that she's ashamed of what she did. Reporter - first thing that she said was that she was suffering from depression. We know that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer.  
**BBC LONDON 94.9 FM - DRIVETIME** - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010

#### DOCTOR IN THE RUGBY BLOOD GATE APPEARS BEFORE THE GMC

A doctor who has admitted cutting a Harlequins mouth in order to make a fake injury appear genuine has told a disciplinary hearing in Manchester she's ashamed of her behaviour.  
**BBC LONDON 94.9 FM - DRIVETIME** - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010

#### DOCTOR WHO ADMITTED CUTTING A RUGBY PLAYERS MOUTH

She has told a disciplinary hearing she is ashamed of her behaviour. The Harlequins winger Tom Williams bit into a blood capsule so he could be substituted. [Code A] could be struck off if the GMC finds her guilty of misconduct  
**BBC Radio Humberside - NEWS** - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010

#### GMC 33 article(s)

##### Doctor weeps over rugby con

[Code A] the rugby club doctor at the centre of the "Bloodgate" scandal, wept yesterday after revealing she will "always have a guilty conscience" over her actions. [Code A] told a General Medical Council panel in Manchester: "I'm very ashamed but I eventually gave into the pressure."  
**Daily Express** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

##### Bloodgate doctor 'so ashamed'

The doctor at the centre of the bloodgate scandal said yesterday she is 'ashamed' and 'horrified' at her role in the affair. Giving evidence to a General Medical Council hearing into her conduct, [Code A] admitted cutting Harlequins' tom Williams' mouth to help him feign injury during the 2009 Heineken Cup quarter-final against Leinster.  
**Daily Mail** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

##### BLOOD DOC: I WISH I HAD DONE RIGHT THING

The doctor at the centre of the rugby "Bloodgate" fake injury scandal yesterday told of her regret at helping a top club cheat. [Code A] said she felt pressured by Harlequins star Tom Williams to cut his lip as a cover-up after he bit into a blood capsule. Yesterday, [Code A] revealed to a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing she initially refused winger Williams's repeated requests to cut him.  
**Daily Mirror** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

##### Bloodgate doctor 'felt shamed by cover-up'

[Code A] told the GMC yesterday she was sorry she succumbed to pressure to cheat. [Code A] told the General Medical Council she was 'ashamed and horrified' after the 'bloodgate' incident last year.  
**Metro London** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

##### My shame, by the 'bloodgate' doctor

[Code A] the doctor at the centre of the rugby "bloodgate" scandal, said today she was "ashamed". She sobbed as she told a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing she did not know why she succumbed to "huge pressure" from Harlequins winger Tom Williams.  
**Evening Standard London** - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010

##### Weeping doctor says sorry for role in rugby 'Bloodgate' scandal

[Code A] the doctor at the centre of rugby's "Bloodgate" scandal wept yesterday as she spoke of her shame at cutting a player's lip so he could feign an injury. She told a disciplinary hearing of the General Medical Council in Manchester that during the cup match between Harlequins and Leinster on April 12, 2009, she felt unable to resist a series of requests from Tom Williams, a winger with the English side, to cut his lip after he used a blood capsule to leave the pitch.

**The Daily Telegraph** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

Rugby doctor tells of shame over blood ruse

Code A 46, told a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing yesterday that she was unable to explain why she succumbed to "huge pressure" to participate in the "bloodgate" scandal.

**The Guardian** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

Quins' cheating horrified me, says 'Bloodgate' medic

The full gravity of the fake blood scandal at Harlequins 16 months ago - by some distance the most damaging in the 15-year history of professional club rugby in England - was underlined again yesterday when the club's former doctor,

Code A gave evidence to a General Medical Council disciplinary panel sitting in Manchester.

**The Independent** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

I was pressured into cutting player, tearful doctor says

Code A the matchday doctor at the centre of the "Bloodgate" scandal, cried yesterday as she recalled how a rugby player shouted at her to cut him so that he could continue his pretence that he had been injured on the field. She told a General Medical Council (GMC) fitness-to-practise panel in Manchester that it was the most stressful situation she had ever encountered, in a career spent in accident and emergency medicine.

**The Times** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

'Bloodgate' doctor admits lip cutting

A doctor that admitted that she cut the lip of the player at the centre of the "Bloodgate" fabricated rugby injury scandal at his request.

**Belfast Telegraph Morning N.Ireland** - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010

Doctor 'unaware' of rugby player's fake blood ruse

A rugby union player has said he made the matchday doctor at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' fake injury scandal "a victim" when he persuaded her to cut his lip.

**Belfast Telegraph Morning N.Ireland** - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010

Doctor was 'a victim' in Bloodgate inquiry

Harlequins winger Tom Williams said yesterday he made the matchday doctor at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' fake injury scandal "a victim" when he persuaded her to cut his lip.

**Daily Post Wales** - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010

Fake injury doctor 'ashamed' of role

The matchday rugby doctor at the centre of the "Bloodgate" fake injury scandal has said she was ashamed of her role in the event. Sobbing as she gave evidence before a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing, Code A described the moment she realised she had been "duped".

**The Herald Scotland** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

I made doctor a victim - claim

A rugby union player said he made the matchday doctor at the centre of the "Bloodgate" fake injury scandal "a victim" when he asked her to cut his lip.

**East Anglian Daily Times Essex/Suffolk** - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010

No sympathy for latest culprits in crimes against sporting and ethical integrity

A rugby doctor is fighting to save her career in the wake of what has come to be known as Bloodgate. The GMC case against Code A is not on the basis of her having helped to execute rugby director Dean Richards' plan to cheat, but because of conduct considered likely to bring the medical profession into disrepute. She could be struck off.

**The Herald Scotland Sport** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

Physio was turned into 'a victim' of bloodgate

Harlequins winger Tom Williams admitted yesterday that he made the matchday doctor at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' fake injury scandal "a victim" when he persuaded her to cut his lip.

**Eastern Daily Press Cambs/Norfolk** - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010

Bloodgate: 'lip cut'

Code A admitted to the General Medical Council that she cut the lip of the player at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' fabricated rugby injury scandal.

**Lancashire Telegraph Lancashire** - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010

Willaims: I made doctor 'victim'

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**Liverpool Daily Post Merseyside - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010**I made doctor a victim, says Quins winger

Harlequins winger Tom Williams said he made the matchday doctor at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' fake injury scandal a victim when he persuaded her to cut his lip.

**Manchester Evening News Lancashire - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010**

Doctor admits cutting lip in 'Bloodgate' scandal

A doctor admitted today that she cut the lip of the player at the centre of the "Bloodgate" fabricated rugby injury scandal at his request.

**South Wales Echo Wales - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010**

Bloodgate star 'asked to be cut by medic'

A rugby player said he made the matchday doctor at the centre of the "Bloodgate" injury scandal "a victim" when he persuaded her to cut his lip.

**Telegraph and Argus Yorkshire - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010**

Dr cut player's lip

A doctor has admitted she cut the lip of the rugby player in the "Bloodgate" fabricated injury scandal at his request.

**The Argus Sussex - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010**

GP admits cutting lip of cheating star

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**The Journal North East - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010**

Player asked doctor to cut his lip, hearing told

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**The Northern Echo North East - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010**

Doctor admits that she cut 'panicking' rugby player's lip

The rugby player at the centre of the "Bloodgate" scandal told a medical disciplinary hearing yesterday how he twice asked his club's matchday doctor to cut his lip as he became "extremely panicked" when match officials questioned whether his injury was genuine.

**Western Mail Wales - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010**

'Bloodgate' doctor cut lip of Quins player

A doctor has admitted cutting the lip of Harlequins' Tom Williams to enable the winger to pretend to be injured during a Heineken Cup tie last April.

**Western Morning News South West - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010**

'Bloodgate' rugby player admits making doctor victim of scandal

A rugby star said he made the matchday doctor at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' fake injury scandal "a victim" when he persuaded her to cut his lip.

**Yorkshire Post Yorkshire - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010**

Rugby Union

A doctor at the centre of rugby's "bloodgate" row has admitted cutting the lip of Harlequins player Tom Williams to enable the winger to pretend to be injured during a Heineken Cup match.

**Evening Gazette North East - United Kingdom - 24/08/2010**

Bloodgate doctor is 'ashamed' of actions

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**Daily Mail Scotland - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010**

Rugby 'Bloodgate' doc 'very ashamed'

The match day rugby doctor at the centre of the "Bloodgate" fake injury scandal said yesterday she was "ashamed" of her role in the event. During a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing, Code A said: "I was very ashamed that I gave into the pressure."

**The Press and Journal Scotland - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010**

Specialist in Raigmore attack suspended for another year

An eye specialist from Inverness has been suspended from practice for another year, the General Medical Council said yesterday.

**The Press and Journal Scotland** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

Bloodgate doctor reveals her shame as she admits cutting player's lip as a ruse

The matchday rugby doctor at the centre of the 'Bloodgate' fake injury scandal said yesterday she was "ashamed" of her role in the event.

**The Scotsman Scotland** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

Doctors 4 article(s)

Bloodgate medic 'so ashamed'

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**The Sun** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

Brit doc killed in Everest air crash

A British doctor who dreamed of climbing Everest died yesterday in a plane crash while travelling to the mountain. Jeremy Taylor, 31, was one of 14 victims on the small plane which went down near Nepalese capital Kathmandu.

**The Sun** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

Authorities clear way for further investigation into killer doctor Code A

The German doctor who killed a British patient could be struck off in his own country within weeks after the local government reversed its decision not to investigate him.

**The Daily Telegraph** - United Kingdom - 25/08/2010

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