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## Press Cuttings Summary

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### Direct Mentions

#### Print & Online Mentions

- *Manchester Evening News, Liverpool Echo* and the *Herald A* number of local newspapers report on the Health Select Committee where GMC Chief Executive Niall Dickson and Deputy Chief Executive, Paul Philip, gave evidence to the inquiry on the use of overseas doctors in providing out of hours care. The article's highlight the GMC's call for a change in the law to enable the GMC to check check English language skills.

#### BMA News (13 Mar 2010)

- GMC Chief Executive Niall Dickson is interviewed by the magazine. He talks about his recent decision to issue a statement about the Dr Jane Barton hearing, the GMC's call for the language competency and medical skills and knowledge of EU-trained doctors to be tested and the plans ahead for revalidation.
- The magazine reports on the association's key principles for revalidation, that set out the requirements the process must have if support from the profession for it is to be maintained. These state, amongst other recommendations, that revalidation should be cost-effective and that there must be a clear mechanism for dealing with conflicts of interest with responsible officers, including an independent appeals process
- The PMETB's online toolkit that explains their impending merger with the GMC, is noted

#### BMJ (13 March 2010)

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- Editors choice column encourages doctors to 'Have your Say' on the GMC's Revalidation consultation
- An article by Dr Hamish Duncan says that GPs, even older ones, have nothing to fear from revalidation.
- News in brief column highlights support available to doctors of Indian origin, including for those facing GMC hearings.
- An article on whether England's libel laws are restricting scientific debate notes the General Medical Council.

#### Lancet

- An article on Health and Human rights education refers to Doctors for Human rights asking GMC to require that all doctors be taught human rights as part of their medical education but says that the GMC only alluded to this in *Tomorrows Doctors*.
- This Week in Medicine column refers to the GMC Revalidation consultation.

#### Fitness to Practise:

- [Code A] - *Liverpool Echo* and *Liverpool Daily Post* report on the 24 restrictions placed on Dr [Code A] following an FTP Hearing conducted after [Code A] was found to have cocaine in his GP surgery.
- [Code A] - The *Hull Daily Mail* reports that [Code A] was struck off by the GMC after being convicted of fraud.

- The *Rhondda Leader* lists a new television series on S4C which is investigating a medical consultant who worked in Bangor for more than 20 years before he was erased from the register by the General Medical Council.

### Broadcast Mentions

- There are no broadcast mentions.

### Letters pages

- There are no relevant letters to note.

### Other News

- *Daily Telegraph* and *Daily Express* reports that the inquest into the death toddler, **Code A** stated that five doctors failed to spot he had meningitis.
- *Evening Standard* reports that doctors at Mayday Hospital in Croydon failed to diagnose that a young boy had broken both his wrists and only treated one.
- *Evening Standard*, *Daily Telegraph* and *The Guardian* all report the call of the Royal College of Psychiatrists for websites to ban images that promote self harming among young people.
- BMA News reports that a new end of life care strategy for London has been published. The subject of assisted suicide is also considered in separate articles in the *Daily Mail* and *Financial Times*.

### Headlines:

#### GMC

Liverpool Daily Post

Delivery date : 12/03/2010

Number of words : 132

Shamed doctor barred from work as GP

General Medical Council-enforced restrictions placed on a doctor who was found with cocaine in his surgery have been revealed.

#### GMC

Liverpool Echo

Delivery date : 12/03/2010

Number of words : 137

RESTRICTIONS PUT ON COCAINE DOC

Restrictions put on a doctor who was found with cocaine in his surgery have been released.

### End of Life

The Guardian

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 351

Doctors ask websites to monitor self-harm images as cases increase

According to the Centre for Suicide Research at Oxford University, admissions of under-25s who have damaged themselves deliberately with a sharp object have risen by 50% in five years, from 1,758 in 2004/5 to 2,727 in 2008/9. "We are sure this is just the tip of the iceberg," Professor Keith Hawton of the centre told the BBC. The organisation has called on websites to remove any material that promotes self-harm by young people.

### Doctors

## Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 194

Toddler died after five doctors failed to spot meningitis

An inquest heard that 21-month-old Code A who died of meningitis after five doctors failed to spot the disease, was "completely failed by the medical profession", his family said yesterday.

## Doctors

## Daily Express

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 293

Five doctors missed boy's killer brain bug

Doctors missed meningitis symptoms that caused a toddler to die.

## Doctors

## Evening Standard

Delivery date : 12/03/2010

Number of words : 242

Hospital didn't spot child had broken both arms

A baby spent a night in pain after doctors sent him home from hospital without realising he had broken both his wrists.

## Colleges &amp; Regulators

## Evening Standard

Delivery date : 12/03/2010

Number of words : 226

Doctors: Ban web images that glamorise self-harm

Dr Margaret Murphy, chairwoman of the Royal College of Psychiatrists' child and adolescent faculty, said: "The RCP is seriously concerned at the recent growth in the number of internet sites featuring images and video footage of young people engaging in self-harm and, in particular, websites which appear to promote self-harm.

## Colleges &amp; Regulators

## Daily Telegraph

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 46

Self-harming alert

The Royal College of Psychiatrists has called on websites to remove images that appear to glamorise self-harming, after a 50 per cent increase in the number of under-25s admitted to hospital for deliberately cutting themselves.

## GMC

## Daily Post

Delivery date : 10/03/2010

Number of words : 1

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Medical advice column, noting the General Medical Council.

## End of Life

BMA News

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 98

End-of-life care guidance published

Guidance to improve end-of-life services in London suggests half of all deaths should occur in places other than hospitals by 2013.

End of Life

Daily Mail

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 2537

DADDY'S LAST SUPPER

A father surrounded by his loving family the night before he killed himself in a Swiss suicide clinic. Here, his daughter insists he was right to end his life but his wife of 30 years explains why she was wrong.

End of Life

Financial Times

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 475

Second opinion

Margaret McCartney comment on assisted suicide.

GMC

Hull Daily Mail

Delivery date : 12/03/2010

Number of words : 410

Expenses scam heart surgeon is struck off

A heart surgeon who used to work at Castle Hill Hospital has been struck off the medical register by the General Medical Council after being convicted of fraud.

GMC

Liverpool Echo

Delivery date : 12/03/2010

Number of words : 44

CHECK DOCTORS SPEAK ENGLISH

An urgent change in the law is needed to ensure overseas doctors can be checked for competency in English, the General Medical Council has warned.

GMC

Manchester Evening News

Delivery date : 12/03/2010

Number of words : 267

Legal bid to ensure GPs speak English

An urgent change in the law has been urged to ensure overseas doctors can speak English.

GMC

Rhondda Leader

Delivery date : 11/03/2010

Number of words : 1

TV listing

Television preview of Taro 9, a programme following a medical consultant struck off by the General Medical Council.

## GMC

The Herald

Delivery date : 12/03/2010

Number of words : 165

Call for law change on foreign medics

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## GMC

BMA News

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 318

Doctors demand revalidation clarity

Doctors leaders have set out the absolute requirements that must be delivered if revalidation is to retain the support of the profession. Notes the General Medical Council.

## GMC

BMA News

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 1239

Dickson in the dock

After two months as chief executive of the GMC, former BBC journalist Niall Dickson has already ruffled feathers with his intervention in a high-profile fitness-to-practise case.

## GMC

BMA News

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 70

Toolkit for PMETB/ GMC merger

The Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board has produced an online resource explaining its merger with the GMC in April.

## GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 2290

An old battle: England's libel laws versus scientific debate

The question of whether England's libel laws are restricting scientific debate is currently high on the agenda because of prominent cases. Notes the General Medical Council.

## GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 280

Have your say

The General Medical Council (GMC) rolls out its consultation on revalidation this month.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 84

Advice for Indian doctors

The medical defence shield scheme will offer both medical and employment advice on terms and conditions of service, clinical and professional issues, training issues, and legal representation during internal inquiries, General Medical Council investigations, and tribunal cases.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 2161

New man at the GMC

Lynn Eaton speaks to Niall Dickson, the incoming chief executive of the General Medical Council, about education, training, and the huge changes in revalidation.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 1893

Revalidation: the way ahead

The General Medical Council launched a major consultation on revalidation on 1 March 2010.

GMC

BMJ (British Medical Journal)

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 820

Revalidation in general practice

There's a lot of consternation over revalidation at the moment. I went to a meeting recently where our local General Medical Council representative came under fire from disgruntled parties for simply trying to illustrate the story of revalidation so far.

GMC

The Lancet

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 966

Health and human rights education: time to act

Reader's letter: "The violations of medical neutrality described by Leonard Rubenstein and Melanie Bittle... are shocking in their inhumanity and pervasiveness." Notes the General Medical Council.

GMC

The Lancet

Delivery date : 13/03/2010

Number of words : 743

This Week in Medicine

The General Medical Council has launched a public consultation on the long-discussed proposal for a

new licensing procedure for doctors.

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## Web links:

### National Newspapers:

[The Times](#)

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