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Press Cuttings Summary

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Direct Mentions

Print & Online Mentions

Libby Purves writes in *The Times* about the state of out-of-hours care in the UK and the case of Code A who was killed by Code A a locum doctor providing out-of-hours care. She says that European law means that a doctor certified in any EU country must be automatically 'accepted as fit to practise' here. She blames the poor state of out-of-hours care on the government's contract with GPs (which she says allowed doctors to opt out of providing it); profit seeking locum providers; and the expansion of the EU.

There is an article in the *Sikh Times* about the government's Tackling Knives Action Programme which works with local hospitals to exchange information on knife injuries. The article mentions the GMC's *Confidentiality* guidance saying that it makes clear that the police should be told whenever a person arrives at hospital with a wound inflicted in a 'violent attack with a knife':

<http://www.emgonline.co.uk/news.php?news=296>

There is further coverage in *The Daily Record* of Dr Ewan Crawford's fitness to practise hearing.

There is local press coverage of Dr Chaudhry's fitness to practise hearing (three month suspension):

<http://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/2010/01/16/hearing-rules-on-doctor-s-licence-84229-25615289/>

Broadcast Mentions

BBC One South and BBC Radio Solent reported this morning that the fitness to practise hearing for Dr Jane Barton is due to reconvene this week.

Letters pages

There are no relevant letters today.

Other News

According to the *Daily Telegraph*, the UK National Screening Committee (UKNSC) is launching new guidance for doctors to help them deal with an increase in the number of healthy patients requesting private health screening. The guidance warns that screening tests can lead to patients having unnecessary procedures as well as wasting NHS resources. The advice also said that GPs who offered private screening could be contravening good practice guidelines.

In his weekly podcast broadcast today, the Prime Minister is expected to announce plans to make the professions less elitist bringing in more people from poorer backgrounds, reports *The Metro*.

The *Daily Telegraph* reports how a woman is suing Homerton Hospital in east London after she was given an unlicensed abortion drug to induce labour; the baby subsequently died:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/7004472/Mother-loses-baby-after-being-given-abortion-drug-to-induce-labour.html>

Headlines:

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Metro

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Top jobs must be 'open to the poor'

Doctors, lawyers and senior civil servants are to be told to draw up plans to make their professions less elitist. Skills minister Pat McFadden will announce a central database for internships, including government-sponsored professional work experience for 10,000 students from 'modest income families'.

Colleges & Regulators

Daily Telegraph

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Doctors warned about private health MOTs

Private health "MOTs" can do more harm than good, creating unnecessary anxiety or false reassurance, GPs will be told this week. Doctors will also be warned that the tests can give patients a false comfort. "They may stop making an effort to keep up their healthy habits and behaviour," the advice said.

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Daily Record

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DIRTY DOC LEFT MY LIFE IN TATTERS

A former policeman has told of how a doctor had an affair with his wife, who was a patient. Dr Ewan Crawford, 53, was suspended last week after he admitted to a relationship.

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The Times

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If you must get ill, make sure it's before 6pm

Writing in The Times, Libby Purves criticises GPs for their attitude and approach to out-of-hours care. "The fact is that normal, considerate, responsible people do sometimes get ill and afraid after 5pm and at weekends. They deserve better than the cavalier, dangerous contempt they are currently offered", she claims.

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