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DIRECT MENTIONS

GMC annual retention fee to rise by 8 per cent

bma.org.uk, 11 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

The GMC's Niall Dickson comments on the 8% increase in annual retention fees: "For five years we have succeeded in cutting or freezing our fee - increased demand now means we need to restore it to the level it was in 2010, if we are to continue to meet our wide-ranging obligations."

Also reported in:

GMC fee to rise by £30 from April

onmedica.com, 11 Dec 2014

GMC raises annual fee to cover "growing responsibilities"

hospitaldr.co.uk, 11 Dec 2014

Call to action

British Medical Journal (BMJ) [Careers], 13 Dec 2014, p1, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

The GMC is said to have participated in a symposium on the treatment of medical trainees undergoing clinical assessment.

Today, 08:54, BBC Radio 4 FM Play clip

BBC Radio 4 FM, 12 Dec 2014, p1, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

The speaker contends that the GMC should issue clarificatory guidance in connection with a new health bill.

House of Lords, 12:38, BBC Parliament Play clip

BBC Parliament, 12 Dec 2014, p1, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

In a discussion of a bill's progress, the speaker makes reference to guidance as issued by the GMC.

Thursday in Parliament, 23:20, BBC Parliament Play clip

BBC Parliament, 11 Dec 2014, p1, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

Prior to full registration with the GMC, candidates are compelled to sign a document pertaining to their knowledge of good medical practice.

Making exams fairer for ethnic minority doctors

British Medical Journal (BMJ) [Careers], 13 Dec 2014, p3,4, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

The GMC is said to have participated in the following symposium: "Ensuring fairness in clinical training and assessment."

Fresh blood being sought for NHS Grampian with global recruitment drive

pressandjournal.co.uk, 11 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

It is noted that overseas consultants must obtain full registration with a licence to practise from the GMC.

We should welcome people from overseas

Western Gazette (Somerton), 11 Dec 2014, p6, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

The writer notes that GMC figures indicate that 37% of all NHS doctors qualified abroad.

The perils of self prescribing

British Medical Journal (BMJ), 13 Dec 2014, p16,17, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council, Journalist: Code A

The GMC is said to recommend that doctors do not prescribe for their friends or relatives.

Can doctors be trained in a 48 hour working week?

British Medical Journal (BMJ), 13 Dec 2014, p18,19, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council, Journalist: Code A

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According to a 2012 GMC review, the balance of evidence suggests that the restriction of working time is either neutral or beneficial in terms of training and patient care.

Doctors must rise to challenge to work smarter

British Medical Journal (BMJ) [Careers], 13 Dec 2014, p6, UK, Keyword: Professor Terence Stephenson

Future GMC chair Terence Stephenson discusses current approaches to patient care: "There is now perhaps a clearer recognition that if we are to put patient care at the heart of our work then we must put care for the system that delivers it at the front and centre of our professional lives too. In practice this will mean changes."

Doctor jailed after drinking two cans of Special Brew and 1.5 litres of cider before trying to drive from Porthmadog to Abergavenny

walesonline.co.uk, 12 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

Code A was told by the GMC he was unlikely to practise medicine again, and that he would go to prison for 27 months. Code A injured a driver and his passenger after driving drunk.

Also reported in:

Family doctor jailed for drink-drive crash that left other driver and passenger seriously injured

dailymail.co.uk, 12 Dec 2014

From The Default Setting

Racing Pigeon, 12 Dec 2014, p10,11, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council, Journalist: Rod Adams

The writer notes that they possess a signed copy of 'The Spice of Life' by Professor John Walton of the GMC.

Taunton top for doctor training

Western Daily Press, 12 Dec 2014, p8, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

A GMC national training survey has given Musgrove Park Hospital the highest "overall satisfaction" score in the West.

Students happy with Festive Fair

Scunthorpe Telegraph, 11 Dec 2014, p21, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council, Journalist: Shaun Ringwood

In order to become a psychiatrist, it is noted that a five year degree in medicine is required. This should be recognised by the GMC.

FITNESS TO PRACTISE

Doctors could face "trial by media" under new GMC sanctions

British Medical Journal (BMJ) [Careers], 13 Dec 2014, p2, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

The BMA has warned that proposed changes to GMC sanctions could lead to "trial by media."

Jim Cathcart, 08:02, BBC Radio Guernsey Play clip

BBC Radio Guernsey, 12 Dec 2014, p1, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

A psychologist based in Guernsey has been struck off after having his fitness to practise deemed impaired.

Spy camera doctor guilty of misconduct

The Press (York), 12 Dec 2014, p1,7, UK, Keyword: Fitness to Practise

Dr Steven Forde has been found guilty of misconduct at a recent fitness to practise hearing.

Former Lord Chief Justice unable to substantiate argument for Medical Innovation Bill

solicitorsjournal.com, 11 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

Terry Donovan of Kingsley Napley comments on the concept of innovation in Lord Saatchi's Bill: "Innovation as described in Lord Saatchi's Bill is not good science. If a doctor innovated outside of a clinical study they would not only be sued but would also be in the GMC being struck off because it is unethical to experiment on somebody."

Decision due on suspended doctor

Ash & Farnham News & Mail, 11 Dec 2014, p5, UK, Keyword: Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service

Dr Ronald Kelvin Knight is poised to appear before an MPT panel for a fitness to practise review.

Suspended doctor to resign as allegations of mistreatment grow

Camberley & Sandhurst News & Mail, 11 Dec 2014, p7, UK, Keyword: Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service, Journalist: James Chapple

It is noted that the fitness to practise case of Dr Jayne Cockburn was not referred to the MPTS until November. Cockburn is poised to resign.

Families welcome fresh inquiry into deaths at hospital

The News (Fareham), 10 Dec 2014, p7, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council, Journalist: Priya Mistry

The GMC is said to have held a fitness to practise hearing into the work of Dr Jane Barton.

We hope that investigation will help to bring closure

The News (Fareham), 10 Dec 2014, p22, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

The GMC is said to have found Dr Jane Barton guilty of "multiple instances of serious professional misconduct."

Afternoon Drama, 14:30, BBC Radio 4 FM Play clip

BBC Radio 4 FM, 12 Dec 2014, p1, UK, Keyword: General Medical Council

In a dramatisation, a threat of reference to the GMC is articulated.

MID STAFFS INQUIRY

NHS chief vows speedy action on C.diff improvements

Herald, The (Glasgow), 13 Dec 2014, p4, UK, Keyword: Vale of Leven Inquiry, Journalist: Katrine Bussey

'Whole health service can benefit from this inquiry'

Press & Journal (Aberdeen), 13 Dec 2014, p13, UK, Keyword: Vale of Leven Inquiry

NHS chief vows to act after C. diff scandal

Scotsman, The, 13 Dec 2014, p7, UK, Keyword: Vale of Leven Inquiry, Journalist: Katrine Bussey

OTHER STORIES

Saatchi cancer drug bill could be harmful, 100 experts warn

thetimes.co.uk, 12 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS

Peer's innovation Bill questioned

msn.com/en-gb, 13 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS

PEER'S INNOVATION BILL QUESTIONED

PA News Wire, 12 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS

Lawsuits for medical innovation?

New Law Journal, 12 Dec 2014, p5, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS

Peer's innovation Bill questioned

uk.yahoo.com, 12 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS

Peer's innovation Bill questioned

thisisjersey.com, 12 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS

'Quack's charter' warning over bill on untested medicines

theguardian.com, 12 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS, Journalist: Rowena Mason

Medical experiments killed my father, Winston reveals

The Times, 13 Dec 2014, p19, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS, Journalist: Kat Lay

SICK USE OF NHS MONEY [...]

Daily Mirror, 13 Dec 2014, p21, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS, Journalist: Fiona Phillips

Flesh-eating bug delay caused death

bbc.co.uk, 12 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS

Grandmother, 60, who had flesh-eating virus died when doctors gave her painkillers instead of amputating her arms

dailymail.co.uk, 12 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS

Croydon NHS Trust lodges appeal against ruling it sacked cardiologist for whistleblowing on patient safety

thisislocalondon.co.uk, 12 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS

GP cancer misdiagnosis raised by MP

bbc.co.uk, 12 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS

Doctor mistakenly told pregnant woman her unborn baby was dead

belfasttelegraph.co.uk, 12 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS

North Wales hospital took 10 years to tell a patient she had cancer

dailypost.co.uk, 12 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS

Top cop: Help paedos who only look at pics

thescottishsun.co.uk, 12 Dec 2014, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS

The Irish mothers brutalised by an act of faith

The Guardian, 13 Dec 2014, p36,37, UK, Keyword: DOCTORS, Journalist: Homa Khaleeli