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Action on failing GP surgeries

The Sunday Express, 20/07/2014, p. 16, Caroline Wheeler

Failing GP practices could be placed in special measures or closed under plans being drawn up by Jeremy Hunt. The Care Quality Commission is testing a new method for testing surgeries to establish the criteria they will be judged on. Bodies such as the General Medical Council will also be involved, and pilot inspections have already been carried out at some surgeries, with enforcement action taken when needed.

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Time for doctors to declare financial conflicts of interest?

BMJ (British Medical Journal) GP Edition, 19/07/2014, p. 16, Unattributed

A discussion of the plans by the General Medical Council to require doctors to report financial conflicts of interest on its register. Niall Dickson of the GMC told the Health Committee they would be looking at the issue, and said it is a 'work in progress.'

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BMJ.COM POLL

BMJ (British Medical Journal) GP Edition, 19/07/2014, p. 45, Unattributed

A BMJ poll asks whether doctors should be required to record financial conflicts of interest on the GMC register.

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Seeing the strings

BMJ (British Medical Journal) GP Edition, 19/07/2014, p. 47, Unattributed

Editorial Comment: The General Medical Council has told Clare Dyer of the BMJ that the idea of making doctors display their financial conflicts on a public register is a 'work in progress.'

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Inquiry is launched into deaths at hospital with heavy opiate use

BMJ (British Medical Journal) GP Edition, 19/07/2014, p. 4, Clare Dyer

The Government has announced a formal inquiry into deaths at Gosport Hospital between 1988 and 2000. Jane Barton, a GP who was responsible for patients at the hospital, was investigated by police but it was decided not to prosecute. A General Medical Council fitness to practise hearing in 2010 found her guilty of multiple instances of serious professional misconduct but allowed her to practise under conditions, but Niall Dickson said after the hearing that she should have been struck off. The Government has announced

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Clinical audits must improve

BMJ (British Medical Journal) GP Edition, 19/07/2014, p. 6, Unattributed

A look at the rationale behind the use of clinical audit and its role in training and patient care. All doctors in training must complete at least one clinical audit each year, and the General Medical Council requires doctors to produce evidence of participation in audit towards revalidation.

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Scottish health in a post-independence world

BMJ (British Medical Journal) GP Edition, 19/07/2014, p. 15, Unattributed

An overview of the consequences for patients and doctors in the event of a vote for Scottish independence. The Law Society of Scotland says it may be necessary to renegotiate the relationship with the General Medical Council, or to set up a Scottish General Medical Council.

[Article](#)**The faithful champion of our readers for 160 years**

The Sentinel (Stoke On Trent), 19/07/2014, p. 12, Hannah Hulme

The Sentinel looks back at a history of 150 years championing their readers. Labour MPs used the paper to highlight their concern over the CNEP trials at North Staffordshire Hospital, and five paediatricians were subsequently reported to the General Medical Council, with three of them progressing to a full hearing.

[Article](#)**FITNESS TO PRACTISE****Doctor struck off over errors**

Evening News (Norwich), 19/07/2014, p. 12, Staff Reporter

A doctor who made hundreds of clinical errors in less than three months has been struck off the medical register. A General Medical Council investigation into Ioannis Tosounidis found that 228 out of 713 cases contained mistakes. A Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service panel branded him a risk to patient safety, amounting to misconduct.

[Article](#)**Bungling doctor is struck off after mistakes at Addenbrooke's put patients' safety at risk**

Cambridge News, 19/07/2014, p. 8, Unattributed

A bungling doctor who made hundreds of clinical errors in less than three months has been struck off the medical register. A General Medical Council investigation into Dr Ioannis Tosounidis found that 228 out of 713 cases contained mistakes. A Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service panel branded him a risk to patient safety, amounting to misconduct.

[Article](#)**Banned doctor had 'basic deficiency in knowledge'**

Evening News (Edinburgh), 19/07/2014, p. 16, Diane King

A doctor has been banned from practising for a year after she was found to have a 'basic and fundamental deficiency in knowledge.' Ivy Osuolale sat a professional standards exam last July but told the examiners she had not prepared or kept her skills up to date. The General Medical Council found her performance fell below acceptable standards.

[Article](#)**Children's doctor is a suspect**

The Mail on Sunday, 20/07/2014, p. 35, Ian Gallagher

[Article](#)**THREE hospital visits, SIX GP visits... but docs STILL did not spot my girl's cancer**

Sunday Mirror, 20/07/2014, p. 17, Nick Owens

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The Sunday Telegraph, 20/07/2014, p. 19, Unattributed

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The Sunday Telegraph, 20/07/2014, p. 23, Unattributed

[Article](#)**With quiet dignity and despite their own agony, they're fighting to stop the suffering of others**

Sunday Mail, 20/07/2014, p. 21, Marion Scott

[Article](#)**Assisted dying 'will mean less suffering'**

Belfast Telegraph (Web), 19/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed

[Article](#)**Right to die would mean fewer 'lonely, cruel' ends**

Yorkshire Evening Post (Leeds Edition), 19/07/2014, p. 8, Unattributed

[Article](#)**Lloyd Webber 'considered suicide clinic'**

The Courier and Advertiser, 19/07/2014, p. 16, Unattributed

[Article](#)**Peers seize the assisted dying issue**

The Courier and Advertiser, 19/07/2014, p. 16, Tim Sculthorpe

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South Wales Echo, 19/07/2014, p. 13, Unattributed

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Protest camp remains at hospital

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New hope for cancer patients as drug firm reapplies for licence

The Mail on Sunday (Scotland)*, 20/07/2014, p. 6, Michael Blackley

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Statins can double breast cancer risk

The Sunday Express, 20/07/2014, p. 2, Lucy Johnston

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Penny Morduant MP vows to take family's fight to health secretary

The News (Portsmouth), 19/07/2014, p. 5, Priya Mistry

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Hospital taskforce needed claims Jamie Reed MP

Carlisle News & Star, 17/07/2014, p. 4, Duncan Bick

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Derby hospital in plea to A&E callers as record numbers expected to visit

Derby Telegraph, 19/07/2014, p. 4, Caroline Jones

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Grimsby hospital is 'making progress'

The Cleethorpes Chronicle, 17/07/2014, p. 3, by Sarah Spencer

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Cash boost for primary health services is unveiled

South Wales Argus, 19/07/2014, p. 8, Unattributed

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Hospital campaigners to appeal over review

South Wales Evening Post, 19/07/2014, p. 5, Chad Welch

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Inquiry is launched into deaths at Gosport hospital where use of opiates was “almost routine”

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The UK government has announced a formal independent inquiry into deaths from 1988 to 2000 at a hospital caring for elderly patients in Hampshire. The inquiry into the deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital will be chaired by James Jones, the former bishop of Liverpool, and is expected to take two years.

The announcement by the care and support minister Norman Lamb follows the publication last year of a review into the deaths, which concluded that the “almost routine use of opiates” had “almost certainly” shortened the lives of some patients. The publication of that review, led by Richard ...