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Medical schools urged to offer more support to students with mental health problems

BMJ Careers (Web), 03/08/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

The General Medical Council and Medical Schools Council have issued new guidance for universities which should benefit medical students with mental health problems. The guidance encourages medical students themselves to destigmatise mental illness, and Niall Dickson of the GMC said it was crucial to give the doctors of tomorrow the support they need.

Why I blew the whistle on Atos fitness-for-work test

Posability (Web), 02/08/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

An interview with Greg Wood, the doctor who spoke out about the practices in the fitness-for-work assessment company Atos after being asked to change a report on a claimant. He resigned after being asked to do so, and points out that the General Medical Council makes it clear that doctors should not change reports, and risk being disciplined if they do.

A&E waiting-time targets not met for second week

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The Daily Mirror, 03/08/2013, p. 6, Andrew Gregory

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Why poet Pam should have been our Laureate... for life

East Anglian Daily Times (Essex), 03/08/2013, p. 10, Martinnewell

Comment: John Cooper Clarke has been given an honorary doctorate. It is suggested that the GMC will join the columnist in wishing Dr Clarke well in his new career.

FITNESS TO PRACTISE

Doctor suspended over death of mum

Telegraph and Argus (Bradford), 02/08/2013, p. 11, Kathie Griffiths

A consultant urologist who was jailed for two years after the death of a mother-of-two has been suspended from the medical register for 12 months. A Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service hearing ruled that Sudhanshu Garg had previously been a good doctor with an excellent record, and had shown remorse.

Married GP admits sex assaults on patients as young as 18 months

Daily Mail, 03/08/2013, p. 28, Louise Eccles

A married Christian GP has admitted sexually assaulting and photographing patients as young as 18 months old during medical examinations. Dr Barend Delpert pleaded guilty to having 500,000 indecent images of children on his computer. Dr Delpert has been suspended by the General Medical Council and may be struck off following sentencing.

The Scotsman, 03/08/2013, p. 8, Unattributed

Press and Journal, 03/08/2013, p. 11, Unattributed

Mum death surgeon is suspended

The Daily Mirror, 03/08/2013, p. 29, Louie Smith

A surgeon has been suspended following the death of a woman from weight-loss surgery. Dugal Health faces a General Medical Council investigation and has been barred from carrying out gastric surgery after Jane White died from 'multiple organ dysfunction due to complications.'

'High' painkiller use at hospital

BBC (Web), 02/08/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

The Baker Report on death rates at Gosport War Memorial Hospital between 1988 and 2001 has revealed that a 'remarkably high' number of painkilling injections were prescribed to patients. At a previous General Medical Council hearing, Dr Jane Barton was found guilty of professional misconduct for prescribing 'potentially hazardous' levels of drugs.

Stoned doc can work

East Kilbride News, 31/07/2013, p. 22, Unattributed

A psychiatrist who made bizarre phone calls to his secretary after smoking marijuana has been allowed to practice again without restrictions. The Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service ruled in January 2011 that Dr Annatta Nergui should have conditions placed on his practice for 18 months, and has now ruled that he is no longer impaired.

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Psychiatry in crisis as posts remain unfilled

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Gosport War Memorial Hospital painkiller use 'remarkably high'

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A "remarkably high" number of painkilling injections were prescribed to patients by doctors at a Hampshire hospital, a report has concluded.

The Department of Health investigated death rates at Gosport War Memorial Hospital between 1988 and 2001.

The Baker Report was held back 10 years to allow inquests to be held.

It found death rates at the hospital and the amounts of morphine and diamorphine prescribed may have "shortened life" in some cases.

Professor Richard Baker's report concluded there was an "almost routine use of opiates" at the hospital, but from the evidence studied it was not possible to establish how the practice originated.

Several police investigations, NHS inquiries and, latterly, inquests were conducted into the deaths of elderly patients at the hospital.

Despite a police investigation into the deaths of 92 patients, no criminal prosecutions were brought.

'Raise more questions'

At a previous General Medical Council (GMC) hearing, Dr Jane Barton was found guilty of multiple instances of professional misconduct.

Dr Barton was found to have prescribed "potentially hazardous" levels of drugs to patients who later died at the hospital in the 1990s.

Despite the GMC hearing's findings, the Crown Prosecution Service decided there was insufficient evidence for a prosecution on gross negligence manslaughter charges.

Reacting to the report's publication, Health Minister Norman Lamb said: "The death of a loved one has a devastating impact on the whole family.

"The families of those who died at Gosport hospital have waited a long time to see this report and I know they will want to consider it carefully and that it is likely to raise more questions for them.

"I am more than happy to meet with families to discuss concerns raised by the report."

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