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DIRECT MENTIONS/TOP STORIES

Doctors' training must change to meet new challenges

BMJ (British Medical Journal) GP Edition, 03/08/2013, p. 3, Matthew Limb

An analysis of the challenges facing medical training due to the shifting needs of the health service uses the General Medical Council's 'Medical education's front line: a review of training in seven emergency medicine departments' as a reference.

Joint Response by DPAC and Black Triangle on Dr Phil Peverley's Comments

Disabled People Against Cuts (Web), 03/08/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

Criticism of Dr Phil Peverley, who has been reported as saying that he intends to display a picture of Professor Stephen Hawking in his surgery to discourage people from asking to be signed off sick. Dr Peverley has been reported to the General Medical Council.

I don't know what you're saying; I can't understand your people

BMJ (British Medical Journal) GP Edition, 03/08/2013, p. 6, Yasmin Akram

An examination of the complications which occur when patients do not speak English as their first English language. It is also mentioned that the government plans to introduce GMC checks on the language skills of doctors from Europe.

UK should train more generalists

BMJ (British Medical Journal) GP Edition, 03/08/2013, p. 2, Unattributed

David Greenaway, vice chancellor of Nottingham University has led a review into how patients are cared for outside of hospitals and the necessary changes that are needed in post graduate medical training. The GMC was one of the organisations which submitted written evidence regarding the matter.

Many female leaders think parenthood harms career

BMJ (British Medical Journal) GP Edition, 03/08/2013, p. 2, Unattributed

Almost half of all female managers believe that their careers would be harmed by having children. Currently 48pc of all GPs are women but only 18pc of heads of clinical commissions are female.

Caesareans not promised on demand unless indicated

BMJ (British Medical Journal) GP Edition, 03/08/2013, p. 23, Unattributed

A reader's letter that clarifies when caesarean sections are permitted with reference to a legal precedent established in R (Leslie Burke) v General Medical Council. Here it was found that caesareans are not available on demand and can only be performed when clinically required.

Step by step

CILEx Journal, 01/08/2013, p. 28, Unattributed

An overview of the Rehabilitation Code and its problems. Wilson Carswell of Moving Minds, a provider of psychological rehabilitation, says it often takes 20 months for patients to be sent to them following their initial injury, and that if a GP waited for such an amount of time before making a referral they would be up before the General Medical Council.

FITNESS TO PRACTISE

Senior consultant quits trust board

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

Following the General Medical Council's investigation into consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist Rob Jones there have been five resignations in the last two months with the last being Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust medical director Paul Upton.

Senior consultant resigns from RCHT board

ITV.com (Web), 03/08/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

Dr Paul Upton, the most senior consultant of the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust, has resigned his position from the board, making him the fifth in two months. His decision comes in the wake of the General Medical Council's decision to begin a preliminary investigation into historic decision making in the trust regarding Rob Jones, who was suspended over concerns about his competency.

Top doc quit over probe at hospital

The Sun, 04/08/2013, p. 10, Unattributed

Dr Paul Upton has resigned as medical director at Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust prior to the commencement of a probe into gynaecologist Rob Jones. The General Medical Council is investigating 130 complaints from patients of **Code A** who has now retired.

RCHT medical director becomes fifth resignation in two months

West Briton (Web), 03/08/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

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Consultant quits hospital board

Belfast Telegraph (Web), 03/08/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

Dr Paul Upton of the Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust has resigned his position on the board, prior to a General Medical Council inquiry into historical decisions made over an obstetrics and gynaecological consultant. Rob Jones was suspended after concerns were highlighted over his ability, and he has since retired and removed himself from the medical register.

Ophthalmologist who tried to deflect blame onto other doctors is struck off

BMJ (British Medical Journal) GP Edition, 03/08/2013, p. 4, Unattributed

Locum ophthalmologist Bhavdip Gill has been struck off the medical register after failing to prescribe the correct treatment for a patient who eventually suffered permanent blindness because of the treatment. She had been referred to the General Medical Council by consultant ophthalmic surgeon Alistair Laidlaw.

Shrink who said he could 'cure' gays wants us to act more like wolves

Belfast Telegraph (Web), 03/08/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

Dr Paul Miller, who had conditions placed on his licence by the General Medical Council after he said he could 'cure' homosexuality, is now offering counselling based on the 'wisdom of wolves.' He is facing a second GMC investigation into claims that he took financial advantage of a patient.

Why it's taken 10 years for report to come out

The News (Portsmouth), 03/08/2013, p. 7, Unattributed

A decade on a report into patient death concerns at Gosport War Memorial Hospital reveals that medical staff routinely used painkillers on patients. In 2009 the General Medical Council found Dr Jane Barton guilty of professional misconduct regarding a number of these patients.

Report on patient deaths is released a decade on

Southern Daily Echo, 03/08/2013, p. 30, Unattributed

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OTHER NEWS

Huge waste as hospitals spend GBP3 bn on temps

The Sunday Times, 04/08/2013, p. 12, Sarah-Kate Templeton

NHS waste

The Sun, 04/08/2013, p. 12, Unattributed

Untrained 111 staff send ambulances to 250,000 more 'emergencies'

The Sunday Express, 04/08/2013, p. 6, Lucy Johnston

Now NHS report admits one in three patients face A&E delays

The Mail on Sunday, 04/08/2013, p. 42, Stephen Adams

Pharmacy cure for our overloaded A&E wards

The Sunday Times, 04/08/2013, p. 22, Unattributed

Debt crisis may shut a string of hospitals

The Sunday Express, 04/08/2013, p. 7, Lucy Johnston

Watchdog to act over firms who plague new mothers

The Independent On Sunday, 04/08/2013, p. 2, Jane Merrick

Branded supplies wasting millions

The Sun, 04/08/2013, p. 8, Craig Woodhouse

GBP500m lifesaver to ease casualty crisis

The Sun, 04/08/2013, p. 8, David Wooding

NHS private ambulance bill is GBP50m

Sunday Mirror, 04/08/2013, p. 8, Ben Leach

Hospital doctors refuse to wash hands

The Sunday Express (Scotland), 04/08/2013, p. 7, Greg Christison*

Health risk of dirty hands in hospital

The Mail on Sunday (Scotland), 04/08/2013, p. 44, Hamish Macdonell*

Catalogue of errors proves NHS is in ruins

The Mail on Sunday (Scotland), 04/08/2013, p. 95, Unattributed*

Pharmacy cure for our overloaded A&E wards

The Sunday Times (Scotland), 04/08/2013, p. 22, Unattributed*

How to care for people nearing the end of life

The Mail on Sunday, 04/08/2013, p. 66, Unattributed

He must not be given the right to die

Sunday Mercury, 04/08/2013, p. 10, George Tyndale

Right-to-die campaigner perseveres

Kent Messenger (Maidstone), 02/08/2013, p. 5, Unattributed

Paul Lamb Challenge lost on right-to-die

Shropshire Star (Last), 31/07/2013, p. 5, Unattributed

Appeal Court judges reject campaigners' right-to-die challenge

Littlehampton Gazette (Web) (Web), 04/08/2013, p. 11, Unattributed

200 New Cross staff in move to Cannock

Express & Star (Wolverhampton), 01/08/2013, p. 1, Unattributed

GBP36m overhaul for New Cross

Express & Star (Wolverhampton), 01/08/2013, p. 10, Daniel Wainwright and Rob Golledge

Key events in lead-up to decision for changes

Express & Star (Wolverhampton), 01/08/2013, p. 10, Unattributed

Hospital must not suffer in changes, say bosses

Express & Star (Wolverhampton), 01/08/2013, p. 10, Daniel Wainwright E Mk Msm

At-a-glance guide shows what could happen next

Express & Star (Wolverhampton), 01/08/2013, p. 11, Unattributed

Axe for hospital trust

Shropshire Star (Last), 31/07/2013, p. 1, Unattributed

Moves to dissolve Stafford health trust

Shropshire Star (Last), 31/07/2013, p. 5, Unattributed

Give views on out-of-hours GP services

Hackney Gazette, 01/08/2013, p. 4, Unattributed

Urgent overhaul call of NHS 111 service

Shropshire Star (County), 30/07/2013, p. 6, David Banner

Health bosses say 111 service is not a problem in county

The News (Portsmouth), 03/08/2013, p. 4, Priya Mistry

SU petition supporting free NHS for international students gathers pace

Forge Today (Web), 03/08/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

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The death-list fiasco proves NHS is in ruins

The Mail on Sunday, 04/08/2013, p. 95, Unattributed

...but why have m'luds left a dangerous loophole open?

Sunday Mercury, 04/08/2013, p. 10, George Tyndale

MSP's concerns over staff shortage claims

Hamilton Advertiser, 01/08/2013, p. 33, Unattributed

HOLBY FURY

Wales on Sunday, 04/08/2013, p. 24, James Mccarthy

MP backs » NHS petition

Evening Chronicle (Newcastle Upon Tyne), 03/08/2013, p. 9, Unattributed

Hospital patients delayed at A&E

Huddersfield Daily Examiner, 03/08/2013, p. 8, Examiner News Correspondent

Source: <http://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/health/local-health/son-finds-report-into-gosport-war-memorial-hospital-deaths-damning-1-5351889>

Son finds report into Gosport War Memorial Hospital deaths ‘damning’



Gosport War Memorial Hospital

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A MAN whose father died in a Gosport hospital after he went in for respite, has called a report into deaths at the facility ‘damning’.

Ian Wilson, 53, of Beryton Road, Gosport, has been one of many families waiting for the Baker report to be published.

It looked into 81 deaths at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH) during the 90s, after concerns were raised about patient care under Dr Jane Barton.

And after a 10-year wait, the Department of Health published the report yesterday.

It revealed an over-prescription, and in some cases use, of opiates, and note-taking had been poor.

Mr Wilson's father Robert, 74, had been to Queen Alexandra Hospital, in Cosham, for a shoulder injury.

He was transferred to GWMH, to wait to be put into a nursing home.

But he died in October 1998, and the cause of death was put down to bronchopneumonia.

Mr Wilson said: 'I can see why the report has been kept back for so long.

'It shows a consistent over-prescription of opiates to an inappropriately wide group of patients.

'A high proportion of deaths were because of bronchopneumonia, that is a side affect of diamorphine, and that was my dad.

'He was in for respite, they were trying to find a nursing home for him. He wasn't on any painkillers at QA.

'This is a damning report and I can see why they kept it from us.

'I'm glad it has come out now, it's taken a long time, but gives us more of an angle.'

Richard Baker, a professor of clinical governance, who worked on the Harold Shipman inquiry, started his review in 2002.

The government would not publish the report until the final inquest into deaths from that period took place.

The report found the use of opiates 'almost certainly shortened the lives of some patients, and it cannot be ruled out a small number of these would otherwise have been eventually discharged from hospital alive.'

It said opiates were often prescribed before needed.

Dr Barton had a higher percentage of patients whose cause of death was put down to bronchopneumonia, and prescribed a higher number of opiates before a patient's death.

It also found there 'were no clear clusters of deaths', but the 'proportion of patients at Gosport who did receive opiates before death is remarkably high'.

Gosport MP says report makes 'sobering reading'

FOR the past three years, Gosport MP Caroline Dinenage has been asking for the results of the Baker report to be published.

The report, which was revealed yesterday, looks into the deaths of 81 patients at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH), from the 90s.

Ms Dinenage said: 'It's sobering reading. I'm pleased we can finally look at the reports, and the families that have been waiting 10 years can look at it.

'It makes troubling statements about the anticipatory prescription of medicine, and of inadequate note-making.

'But the comfort we can take is changes have been made at GWMH.'

Why it's taken 10 years for report to come out

THE government called for a review in to the deaths of patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

Dr Jane Barton, who used to practise at the Forton Medical Centre in Gosport, was also a clinical assistant in the former Dryad and Daedalus wards at the hospital in Bury Road.

Between 1996 and 1999, 12 patients died in her care, instead of recovering.

Gladys Richards, 91, was one of the patients who died in Dr Barton's care, and her daughter Gillian Mackenzie approached police with concerns, which prompted an investigation by Hampshire Constabulary.

In 2002, Richard Baker, a professor of clinical governance, who worked on the Harold Shipman inquiry, was appointed to look into 81 deaths at the hospital.

The government said the report would not be published until inquests in to all of the deaths had taken place.

In April 2009, an inquest was held in Portsmouth into the deaths of five patients under the care of Dr Barton.

A jury ruled drugs prescribed by the GP contributed to the deaths their deaths.

Following the inquest, the General Medical Council (GMC) held a hearing into Dr Barton's fitness to practise.

She was found guilty of 'multiple instances of serious professional misconduct' relating to 12 patients who died at the hospital, but was not struck off.

In 2011, Dr Barton, applied to the GMC to have her name removed from the register.

The inquest of Mrs Richards took place in April, and yesterday the Department of Health released the report.