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DIRECT MENTIONS / TOP STORIES

Surgeons, lawyers and plumbers used scheme

The Times, 10/07/2014, p. 9, Alexi Mostrous; Billy Kenber

In a look at some of the people who have put money into the controversial Liberty tax scheme, including Theodore Soutzos, who is noted to have been banned from practising by the General Medical Council in 2010 after a tribunal. Others involved in the scheme include Ian Sargeant, a trauma surgeon in Birmingham.

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NHS bosses predict patients will pay by 2024

The Guardian, 10/07/2014, p. 4, Denis Campbell

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Belfast Telegraph (Web), 10/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed

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Are we on the verge of a deadly mistake?

Daily Mail, 10/07/2014, p. 14, Unattributed

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Daily Mail, 10/07/2014, p. 1, Steve Doughty; Simon Caldwell

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Inquiry will investigate suspicious deaths at Gosport hospital during 1990s

The Independent, 10/07/2014, p. 6, Jamie Merrill

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Call to review surgery waiting times

BBC (Web), 10/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed

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More patients waiting for cancer tests

The Daily Telegraph, 10/07/2014, p. 10, Unattributed

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Waiting times for cancer tests at six-year high

Daily Mail, 10/07/2014, p. 6, Unattributed

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FITNESS TO PRACTISE

12 years in jail for doctor who molested his patients

Daily Express, 10/07/2014, p. 15, Paul Jeeves

GP Andrew Johnson, who was struck off by the General Medical Council in 2010, has been jailed for 12 years for molesting female patients in his surgery. His original sentence of five years was increased after he admitted a series of indecent assaults in the 1990s on a teenage victim who was not a patient.

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BBC (Web), 09/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed

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Daily Mail, 10/07/2014, p. 25, Chris Brooke.

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Workshop Guardian (Web), 09/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed

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Yorkshire Post, 10/07/2014, p. 6, Grace Hammond.

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Lewd medic suspended

Shields Gazette, 08/07/2014, p. 1, Unattributed

Dr Mohamed Niaz Ahmed, an anaesthetist, has been suspended by a Fitness to Practice panel in connection with groping a nurse while he was being treated at the hospital where he worked.

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Shields Gazette, 08/07/2014, p. 5, Unattributed

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Shields Gazette, 08/07/2014, p. 5, Chris Maxwell

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Sunderland Echo, 08/07/2014, p. 3, Unattributed

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Drink-drive doctor is now struck off medical register

Wolverhampton Chronicle, 03/07/2014, p. 3, Unattributed

Dr Ileana Bartha, who was found to driving whilst three times over the drink drive limit just 35 minutes after finishing work, has been struck off the medical register. A hearing heard she had 'no insight' into her duties to the General Medical Council, after a previous fitness to practise hearing described her conduct as 'deplorable' and she failed to turn up at a subsequent Medical Practitioners Tribunal Services hearing.

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Bassetlaw: Doctor suspended after GMC misconduct hearing rules report he wrote could have cost Bassetlaw paramedic her career

Gainsborough Standard (Web), 09/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed

It has been decided by a panel that the fitness to practise of Dr Richard Pool, a consultant psychiatrist, was impaired due to misconduct. It is reported that in 2012 a paramedic reported Dr Pool to the General Medical Council after a report on her was rejected by the HPC because of doubts over Dr Pool's validity as an expert witness. Representing the GMC, Rosalind Emsley-Smith said: 'You fell significantly below the standard expected in that you had acted outside the limits of your competence.'

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58 more patients recalled over care

The Sentinel (Stoke On Trent), 09/07/2014, p. 5, Dave Blackhurs

An additional 36 patients treated by facial surgeon Roger Bainton have been recalled to the University Hospital of North Staffordshire in order to determine if they have suffered any lasting damage from the actions of the surgeon. It is noted that Mr Bainton had previously been found guilty of gross professional misconduct by the General Medical Council in 2000.

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Libel case allegation 'not made'

Media Lawyer, 02/07/2014, p. 31, Unattributed

Dr Atef Halim Wissa, a doctor who was criticised by the General Medical Council over the treatment of a patient and attempted to sue Associated Newspapers over an article which appeared on the MailOnline website, has lost his case for failing to specify correctly the words which bore the defamatory meaning.

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Scots doctors caught up in miracle cancer cure claims

The Herald, 10/07/2014, p. 5, David Leask

Robert Young, an American who is facing criminal charges for falsely claiming to cure cancer, attempted to use the credentials of Scots doctors to support his treatments, and will appear on charges of 'treating the sick without a certificate'. It is noted that a Dr Danesh, who retired from Stobhill Hospital 10 years ago, is, according to his General Medical Council, no longer licensed to practise medicine. Another doctor, Avril Campbell, is a GP, and not officially registered with the General Medical Council as anything other.

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MID-STAFFORDSHIRE INQUIRY

1 in 10 health inspectors in NHS 'are not up to the job'

Daily Mail, 10/07/2014, p. 19, Sophie Borland

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OTHER**Reading doctor found guilty of benefit fraud***ITV.com (Web), 09/07/2014, p. 0, Unattributed*[Article](#)**Botched-op gran awarded £250k***The Daily Mirror, 10/07/2014, p. 18, Luke Traynor; Rhodri Barker*[Article](#)*Western Mail, 10/07/2014, p. 14, Unattributed*[Article](#)**NHS bill for negligence claims reaches £25.6bn***The Times, 10/07/2014, p. 4, Chris Smyth*[Article](#)**Effect of broken sleep as bad as getting just four hours a night***The Daily Telegraph, 10/07/2014, p. 8, Sarah Knapton*[Article](#)**GPs 'can help' social services***Express & Star (Wolverhampton), 08/07/2014, p. 31, Unattributed*[Article](#)**Working to break cycle of bullying***East Riding Mail, 07/07/2014, p. 6, Emma Wright*[Article](#)**Care home cuts fuel oap abuse***The Daily Mirror, 10/07/2014, p. 2, by Jason Beattie Plitil Edit*[Article](#)**Precise.**

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Exclusive: Government launches inquiry over 100 suspicious deaths at a Hampshire hospital

Concerns were first raised about the use of opiates among elderly patients at Gosport by nurses in 1991

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A Hillsborough-style inquiry to investigate up to 100 suspicious deaths at a Hampshire hospital during the 1990s is set to be announced by the Government today.

Led by the Right Rev James Jones, the former Bishop of Liverpool, the inquiry will examine cases at Gosport War Memorial Hospital dating back to 1991, including those of up to a dozen elderly patients who were given powerful “life-shortening” painkillers.

The Independent understands that the Health minister Norman Lamb, who campaigned for a Shipman-style public inquiry into the Gosport deaths, is directing the bishop to establish a wide ranging inquiry following a damning “deaths audit” of the hospital.

The report, which was chaired by Professor Richard Baker – a patient safety expert from the University of Leicester – was published in 2012. It found morphine and other powerful sedatives were routinely prescribed to elderly patients in Gosport between 1988 and 2000, even if they were not in pain.

Professor Baker’s team found a “remarkably high” proportion of patients were given opiate injections prior to death; the practice of using these powerful drugs became “routine” and “almost certainly shortened the lives of some patients”.

Their report added that some of these patients might have survived their illness.

Concerns were first raised about the use of opiates among elderly patients at Gosport by nurses in 1991, but the practice continued for another decade, despite complaints from families, three police investigations, 11 inquests and a professional misconduct hearing.

The Baker report had been suppressed by the Department of Health for nearly 10 years on the grounds that it might interfere with these proceedings, but the path is now believed to be clear for a formal inquiry to be established. Speaking to The Independent on Sunday last year, Norman Lamb said: "I am deeply concerned by the findings of the Baker report."

He added: "I am also conscious that a lot of documents remain unpublished. I want openness so we can establish all of the facts."

It is thought the new inquiry will be non-statutory, though it will have the power to call witnesses.