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ALL COVERAGE[All Articles](#)**DIRECT MENTIONS/TOP STORIES****Complaints to GMC double in 5 years***Commissioning GP, 11/04/13*

Complaints against doctors have doubled since 2007 and the Medical Defence Union (MDU) has been forced to take on extra staff to deal with the increase.

Figures released by the GMC reveal that in 2007, they received 5,168 complaints, but this rose to a staggering 10,357 in 2012. Niall Dickson Chief Executive of the General Medical Council said, "We need to respond to the rising number of complaints - a pattern seen across healthcare.

[Link](#)**GMC welcomes changes to the Medical Act to strengthen language testing***BBC 1, The One Show, 12/04/2013, 19:07:00, 5:0*

Commenting on concerns among doctors relating to reforms in the health service, Dr Sarah Jarvis says that the General Medical Council is currently unable to impose strict language controls on doctors from inside Europe, but that the GMC is pleased that the government will strengthen regulations with a change to the Medical Act.

[View clip](#)**MMR scare doctor: I'm not to blame for measles***The Independent, 13/04/2013, p. 1, Jeremy Laurance*

Code A who acted as the chief author of a discredited paper linking MMR vaccine to autism and bowel cancer, has announced the "British Government is entirely culpable for the outbreak (of measles in Wales) and accused officials of putting price before children's health". Code A was struck-off by the GMC in 2010 following a review that found he has acted "dishonestly and irresponsibly" which created a media storm leading to a reduced take-up of vaccination and hundreds of thousands of children left without protection from measles, mumps, and rubella.

[Article](#)**Experts condemn Wakefield's outburst over measles cases***i (The paper for today), 13/04/2013, p. 4, Jeremy Laurance*[Article](#)**#weekinreview - 12 April: #Thatcher privatises NHS, anonymous GP tweets/blogs and NHS 111 tears***GP Online (Web), 12/04/2013, p. 0, Neil Durham*

GMC (@GMCUK) social media guidance about anonymous blogs and tweets caused a flutter of opposition.

[Article](#)**Revalidation will raise standards of care, writes Mark Addison***Nursing Standard, 10/04/2013, p. 26, Unattributed*

Comment on the Nursing and Midwifery Council's commitment to revalidating nurses and their fitness to practice which employs one of the recommendations made in Robert Francis's report on the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust. The NMC has resolved to implement this by 2015 but stated it will not mirror the General Medical Council's course which is seen as too expensive.

[Article](#)**For overall effect***Fundraising (Civil Society), 01/04/2013, p. 6, Unattributed*

The overall winners at the last three years' Charity Awards, includes the Halo Trust Getting it right campaign which included an interactive theatre project in conjunction with the General Medical Council. Doctors are asked to reflect on their practice via an interactive theatre session in order to help healthcare professionals become more aware of their approach and how to deliver better care and health outcomes for patients with learning disabilities.

[Article](#)**Clinicbe Director Welcomes Tighter Restrictions on Non-Surgical Treatments and Qualifications for Practitioners***PRWeb UK (Web), 12/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed*

GMC registered Dr Barbara Kubicka comments on the need for the cosmetic industry to be regulated with tighter restrictions and qualifications required for those who administer Botox and facial fillers. Sir Bruce Keogh is expected to release the full results of his

review into the cosmetics industry by the end of April with a goal to ensure better safety standards and consistency for patients.

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New definition for accredited 'talking therapists' proposed

OnMedica.net (Web), 12/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

The Centre for Workforce Intelligence (CfWI) has undertaken a review of the capacity for adult services provided by psychological therapists on behalf of the DH. The findings have found a 29,000 practitioner would meet the CfWI definition with a recommendation that the NSH adopts a universally recognised definition of standards across the NHS to make the task easier. NICE is keen for talking therapies to be made available on the NHS. The CfWI has proposed eleven professional / regulatory bodies, including the GMC, to give accreditation for therapeutic competency.

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BAILII: Recent Decisions

Current Awareness (Blog), 12/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

The GMC is listed in a review of recent court decisions for the Court of Appeal (Civil Division) case of Patel, R (on the application of) v General Medical Council (Rev 1) [2013] EWCA Civ 327 (27 March 2013).

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How the left's grip on Britain is tightening

Daily Mail, 13/04/2013, p. 6, Quentin Letts

The Daily Mail includes an opinion piece with focus on the rise of leftish views within Britain. Dame Suzi Leather is mentioned in passing for chairing the Charity Commission with a description posted that under her leadership it became entangled in politics.

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Leeds heart unit adviser urged to quit over review

Professor Sir Roger Boyle is under pressure to resign from his role in a review of children's heart surgery, after saying he would not allow his own daughter to be operated on at Leeds General Infirmary.

The Independent, 13/04/2013, p. 2, Lewis Smith

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The Guardian, 13/04/2013, p. 7, Sarah Boseley

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Daily Mail, 13/04/2013, p. 50, Fiona Macrae

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Mail Online UK (Web), 12/04/2013, p. 0, Anna Hodgekiss

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The Daily Mirror, 13/04/2013, p. 2, James Lyons

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The Journal (Newcastle Upon Tyne), 13/04/2013, p. 5, Ella Pickover; Dominic Harris

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Northern Echo (North Edition), 13/04/2013, p. 12, Barry Nelson

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FITNESS TO PRACTISE

Misconduct doctor 'fit to practise'

BBC (Web), 12/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

A hearing of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service in Manchester, has found Dr Huntly McCallum guilty of misconduct in failing to evaluate risks in two patients' histories but have allowed him to continue to practise based on his "open and honest" attitude towards addressing his deficiencies. The doctor was noted for seeking to address his failings and found him not a risk to patient safety.

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The Herald, 13/04/2013, p. 4, Unattributed

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Daily Express (Scotland), 13/04/2013, p. 27, Nick Jedrzejewski*

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The Scotsman, 13/04/2013, p. 14, Nick Jedrzejewski

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2009 A BLOODY BIG MISTAKE

Sport, 12/04/2013, p. 8, Unattributed

A review of the 2009 Harlequins Cup quarter final in 2009 between Harlequins and Leinster with winger Tom Williams being sent-off for bleeding, via chewing a fake blood capsule, later endorsed by the team's doctor, **Code A**, cutting the inside of the player's mouth. The GMC suspended **Code A** part in the cover-up with the event providing guidelines on future match substitutions.

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'Patient given painkiller to ease her final days'

Southern Daily Echo, 12/04/2013, p. 6, Unattributed

The General Medical Council has ruled that Dr Jane Barton, retired doctor to the Gosport War memorial Hospital, was guilty of multiple instances of professional misconduct with regards to twelve patients who had died at the hospital. The doctors was known

for administering syringe drivers to continuously administer drugs which would lead to death by medication.

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MID-STAFFORDSHIRE INQUIRY

Criminal inquiry into death at troubled Stafford hospital

Birmingham Mail (Central City Final), 12/04/2013, p. 4, Unattributed

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Evening Times, 12/04/2013, p. 8, Unattributed

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Don't panic over hospital deaths

Lancashire Telegraph , 12/04/2013, p. 11, Lawrence Dunhill

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Medical director: 'Closing Leeds no knee-jerk reaction'

Western Daily Press (Late City), 13/04/2013, p. 16, Ella Pickover

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Heart unit pause 'the right thing'

Bangor and Anglesey Mail (Web), 12/04/2013, p. 0, Mail Series

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Now Stafford Hospital lawyers aim to fight for Basildon families

The Echo (Southend), 12/04/2013, p. 7, Chloe Chapman

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It's time more knights fell on their swords

Daily Mail, 13/04/2013, p. 41, Heffer

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High price of system that has become bankrupt of honour

Yorkshire Post, 13/04/2013, p. 17, Tom Richmond

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Highlight Healthcare assistants 'back professional regulation? Staff prepared to pay for registration, finds survey by Peter Crush

People Management Online (Web), 12/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

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Editor's comment

Somerset Guardian, 11/04/2013, p. 10, Unattributed

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Patient care is key says the new boss of hospital

The Bolton News, 12/04/2013, p. 6, Jessica Bell

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Hospital march 'is going to be massive'

Staffordshire Newsletter, 11/04/2013, p. 7, Richard Castle

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Shortage of senior doctors at peak times putting kidsa safety at risk

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The Daily Mirror, 13/04/2013, p. 19, Unattributed

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6,000 still at risk as measles outbreak nears 700 cases

South Wales Evening Post, 12/04/2013, p. 7, Liz Perkins

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Western Mail, 13/04/2013, p. 1, Julia Mcwatt

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South Wales Echo, 12/04/2013, p. 5, Julia Mcwatt

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*The Times (Scotland)**, 13/04/2013, p. 31, Martin Barrow

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The ins and outs of organ donation

Financial Times, 13/04/2013, p. 12, Unattributed

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Assembly to debate organ donations

South Wales Argus, 12/04/2013, p. 12, Unattributed

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South Wales Evening Post, 12/04/2013, p. 2, Liz Perkins

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GPs advised not to help 'bedroom tax' appeals

Evening Times, 12/04/2013, p. 2, Caroline Wilson

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CQC outlines full details of registration compliance

BMJ Careers (Web), 12/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

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Guest Opinion - six steps to improving end-of-life care

GP Online (Web), 12/04/2013, p. 0, Professor Clare Gerada

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'Invisible' sick man

*The Sun (Scotland)**, 13/04/2013, p. 21, Unattributed

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Police investigating claims of neglect at nursing home

South Hams Gazette & Dartmouth Chronicle, 12/04/2013, p. 3, Unattributed

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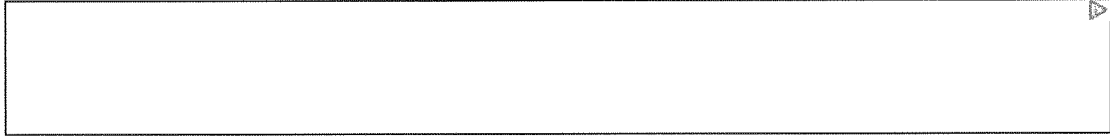
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The **Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (MPTS)** took over fitness to practise hearings from the General Medical Council (GMC) on 11 June 2012. It now makes impartial decisions in doctors' fitness to practise and interim order panel hearings. The MPTS is part of the GMC, but it is operationally separate and it is accountable to Parliament.

For more information, visit www.mpts-uk.org/

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Medication 'was to ease pain' of dying pensioner, Gosport War Memorial manager says



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THE clinical manager at a heavily-criticised hospital where a elderly patient d years ago has told an inquest that she was given medication to help ease her days after her condition deteriorated.

Philip Beed, a nurse in charge of the Daedalus ward at the Gosport War Memc (GWMH), said that when patients such as Gladys Richards were placed on syri device which continuously administers drugs, they were likely to die.

The inquest at Portsmouth has heard that Mrs Richards, 91, was taken to the Hampshire hospital in August 1998 for recuperation following a hip operation after she had a fall.

But after she suffered a haematoma, Mrs Richards, of Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire, was given diamorphine administered through a syringe driver and died four days later on August 21, 1998, the hearing was told.

Her daughters, Gillian Mackenzie and Lesley O'Brien, have campaigned for several years for a full inquest to be held into her death.

Mrs Mackenzie, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, has told the hearing that the hospital's medical staff placed her mother on a course of palliative care which "condemned" her mother to

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Mr Beed told the hearing that when Mrs Richards was admitted to the hospital for rehabilitation she was "confused and agitated".

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He said: "I did not think at that point she would die but I did think it would be difficult for her to regain mobility."

But Mr Beed said that a note made by Dr Jane Barton, the doctor responsible for the ward, on Mrs Richards' file, which stated that she would be happy for nurses to certify death, was standard practice.

He said: "Because we were a community hospital and because we relied on out-of-hours cover, it wasn't uncommon for Dr Barton, with the type of patients we were dealing with, to cover all possibilities.

"With any patient, even if we are planning rehabilitation, their condition may deteriorate."

The inquest was told that Mrs Richards had a further fall at the GWMH and was taken for a further hip operation before going back to the hospital on August 17.

Mr Beed said her condition had worsened by this stage.

He said: "She was in considerably more pain, some of that pain was from the hip, my impression was that it may have been more generalised in nature as well.

"She was generally less responsive, getting her to eat or drink was difficult for nursing staff, helping her with personal hygiene was more difficult.

"She was being nursed in bed and it was felt there was nothing else we could do but nurse her in bed."

He said that Dr Barton then prescribed for Mrs Richards to be placed on a syringe-driver to relieve her pain.

He explained that Dr Barton set the parameters for the dosage but the level used could be applied on the agreement of two nurses.

When asked by coroner David Horsley if this was deemed to be terminal care, Mr Beed agreed and said that this was discussed with her daughters.

He said: "I think that was the feeling at this point, as she was a patient who wasn't getting better, whose symptoms were running out of control."

He added: "We discussed (with the family) that this was the expected outcome of this stage of treatment."

Mr Beed also said that a patient on a syringe driver could die in a short period of time or as long as several weeks.

A previous inquest, specially authorised by then Justice Secretary Jack Straw, was held in 2009 into the deaths of 10 other patients at the same hospital, all in the late 1990s.

The jury found that medication had contributed to the deaths of five patients and three of these had been given "unsuitable medication".

And the General Medical Council (GMC) has also ruled that Dr Barton, who has since retired, was guilty of multiple instances of professional misconduct relating to 12 patients who died at the hospital.

The panel found a catalogue of failings in her treatment of the patients, who later died, including issuing drugs which were "excessive, inappropriate and potentially hazardous".

The failings included inadequate examinations of patients, failing to consult colleagues and

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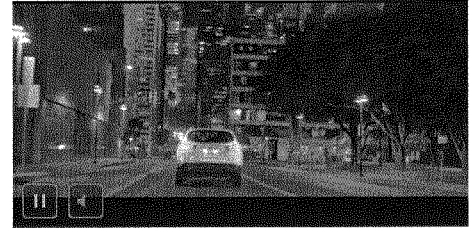
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Hampshire Police previously conducted a criminal investigation into the deaths of 92 elderly patients at GWMH but no prosecutions were brought.

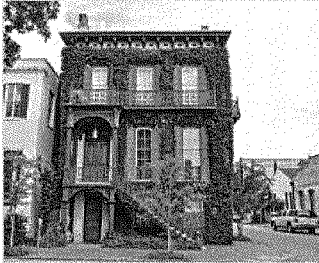
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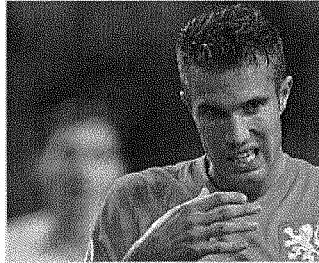
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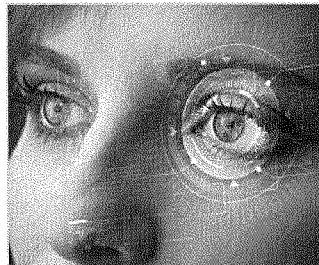
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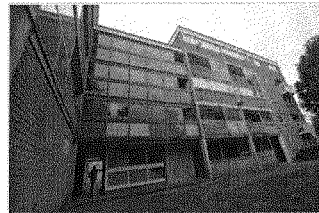
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