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GMC urges employers to do more to support continuing professional development

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Employers should do more to ensure that doctors have the time and resources to complete continuing professional development (CPD) activities, research by the General Medical Council has concluded... Peter Rubin, chairman of the GMC, said that doctors should all have the time and space to undertake CPD and reflect on what they have learnt so that they could put their learning into day to day practice.

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GMC defends £250k on private health insurance perk for staff

Pulse Today (Web), 15/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

The GMC spent £255k on private medical insurance for almost two-thirds of its staff in 2012/13, after a review of the policy concluded it was needed to attract and retain staff. Pulse has learnt that the GMC spent an average of £458 on private medical insurance from AXA PPP Healthcare for each member of staff given the perk, in a move that has been criticised by some GPs.

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NHS 'not sharing information on complaints about doctors'

OnMedica.net (Web), 15/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

A BBC investigation has revealed that some NHS trusts are not informing the GMC of medical staff who have made errors - even where some doctors have made repeated errors which endangered patient safety... GMC chief executive Niall Dickson, said: "We have introduced local teams to work with the NHS frontline, regular checks on all doctors through revalidation, and new guidance to support doctors to raise concerns to help with this effort, but we know there is more to do."

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Royal College of Nursing (Web), 15/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

The NHS watchdog is to face fresh criticism next week over its supervision of a hospital where the deaths of at least eight babies are now under investigation by police amid accusations of a cover-up. The Care Quality Commissions (CQC) board will be told of a catalogue of failings by an independent review into its oversight of the University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay Trust, in Cumbria. The review was prompted by a campaign by James Titcombe to find the truth about the death of Joshua, his baby son, in October 2008, 10 days after he was born. It is to be followed by a full independent inquiry, in public, into the care of mothers and babies at the trust. Hospitals not sharing information with GMC on doctors mistakes.

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NHS complaints not being referred to GMC

Healthcare Today (Web), 15/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

The BBC has found hospitals are not sharing [referring to the GMC] complaints about doctors.

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Putting patients first in practice

Independent Nurse (Web), 15/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

Mr Hunt said: 'Building on the historic introduction of medical revalidation, which offers proactive assurance of individual doctors, when the NMC turns around its current poor performance we will work with it to introduce a proportionate and affordable national scheme to ensure all practising nurses are up to date and fit to practise.' ... Ms Aston warns that development of revalidation would be onerous, though the benefits would be worthwhile: 'The work the GMC did for GPs was massive, but if the same is done for nurses, it will mean they remain competent,' she says. 'It will need to be done properly and be meaningful and I don't think this can

be completed any time before 2015.'

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2 Letters

The Jobbing Doctor (Blog), 15/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

Blog comment: I have only ever had 2 personal letters from my regulating authority, the General Medical Council. I have had a hell of a lot of mail merged rubbish from them, including telling me that I have to submit myself for reapproval, but everyone has had one of those.

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MP's alarm over homeopathy to fight measles

The Guardian, 16/04/2013, p. 4, Sarah Boseley

Sarah Wollaston, the GP and Conservative MP, would like homeopathy's governing bodies to tell parents that alternative remedies will not stop children getting measles. It is mentioned that the research by [Code A](#) into a link between autism and the measles jab was discredited and he was struck off by the General Medical Council.

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FITNESS TO PRACTISE

Media measles coverage criticised

BBC (Web), 15/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

A Cardiff University journalism lecturer has criticised the way the UK media collectively covered concerns about the MMR jab in the 1990s... Concerns emerged about a link between MMR and autism after a report by the now discredited [Code A](#). In 2010 he was struck off for being "dishonest and misleading" in the way he conducted his research. He had failed to declare his own financial interests in promoting single vaccines. The GMC also found he carried out invasive tests on children against their best clinical interests and without having the relevant qualifications.

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Surgeon 'waived his fees for an affair'

The Daily Telegraph, 16/04/2013, p. 2, Daily Telegraph Reporter

Dr Jonathan Beacon waived the fees of a patient after treatment for an injured knee, using the situation to initiate an affair. Ben Fitzgerald, counsel for the GMC, said: 'Dr Beacon used his trust and responsibility as a consultant and surgeon to develop and pursue an emotional and sexual relationship at a time when she was both emotionally and physically vulnerable. It constitutes a sustained and prolonged breach of the doctor-patient rules.'

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Married surgeon 'waived treatment fees for mum he seduced in two-year affair'

Daily Mail, 16/04/2013, p. 21, Jaya Narain

A General Medical Council fitness to practise panel has heard how Dr Jonathan Beacon began an affair with a patient nearly half his age after he waived his private medical fees for treatment to her injured knee. Counsel for the GMC, Ben Fitzgerald, said: 'Dr Beacon used his trust and responsibility as a consultant and surgeon to develop and pursue an emotional and sexual relationship at a time when she was both emotionally and physically vulnerable'.

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Anaesthetist slept on the "b

The Daily Telegraph, 16/04/2013, p. 12, Unattributed

After finding that his fitness was 'not impaired' anaesthetist Dr Rajat Subhra Banerjee will be allowed to carry on working. Colleagues of the doctor had informed the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service that on two occasions he seemed to be sleeping, at the Royal Bolton Hospital in 2009.

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Hate it when you get a locum instead of your usual GP? It could save your life Thankful:

Daily Mail, 16/04/2013, p. 49, Jo Waters

The case of [Code A](#) who was struck off by the General Medical Council for giving an overdose of diamorphine - is referred to in an article that looks at the public's perception of locum GP's, mentioning that: 'While the General Medical Council doesn't collect figures about complaints against GP locums, experts say public perception is that numbers are high.'

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Petition calling for GP to be reinstated

Northern Echo (North Edition), 16/04/2013, p. 2, Joe Willis

Derek Keilloh, the former Northallerton GP who was found guilty of misleading and dishonest conduct in connection with the death of Baha Mousa in Iraq, has the backing for his reinstatement of 1,000 people who have signed a petition. Derek Keilloh said: 'I am very grateful for the support of my former patients and colleagues showing their faith in me by creating and signing this campaign. I was extremely disappointed with the outcome of the GMC/MPTS hearing and also the legal advice against the prospect of appeal.'

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'Catalogue of avoidable errors led to dad's death'

Grimsby Telegraph, 15/04/2013, p. 14, Unattributed

Letter: A man writes in connection with the death of his father at Scunthorpe Hospital in 2007, saying that "catalogue of avoidable errors as well as many other mistakes" took place. Scunthorpe Hospital has admitted that adequate care was not provided, the writer says, and that an apology was received from the hospital and the "GMC advised that procedures should be updated".

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Police to reinvestigate GP who prescribed fatal drugs

Manchester Evening News, 15/04/2013, p. 11, Dan Thompson

Following the verdict of an inquest jury of 'unlawful killing' and a failed attempt to overturn the verdict Dr Kamprath Sreedharan is to be investigated by the police in connection with a vulnerable patient who overdosed on sedatives. The case has been referred to the case to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), Greater Manchester Police (GMP) and the General Medical Council (GMC).

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GP 'told patient to stop taking medication and took her to Pentecostal church where she underwent exorcism'

Mail Online UK (Web), 15/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

A patient has claimed a GP told her to stop taking medication and took her to a Pentecostal church where she underwent an exorcism instead. Dr Thomas Gerard O'Brien was working as a locum GP in Staffordshire when he treated the woman - who had been prescribed anti-depressant, anti-hypertensive and pain-relief medication... She claimed that Dr O'Brien specifically told her not to tell her psychiatrist about the meetings and told her 'she would be cursed' if she told the General Medical Council.

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DOCTOR BACKS OAP PAINKILLERS MOVE

Press Association, 15/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

The doctor responsible for the care of an elderly woman who died at a heavily-criticised hospital has justified the levels of painkillers prescribed, saying that the patient's condition had deteriorated following a fall... The inquest has heard that Dr Jane Barton, who has previously been found guilty by the General Medical Council (GMC) of professional misconduct at GWMH, had prescribed levels of diamorphine for the nursing staff to administer in case Mrs Richards' condition deteriorated.

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Patient 'had look of dying woman'

BBC (Web), 15/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

A doctor has told an inquest that she could tell her patient was dying by the expression on her face. Dr Jane Barton was speaking in the case of Gladys Richards who died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH) in 1998... A General Medical Council panel ruled in 2010 that Dr Jane Barton had been guilty of multiple instances of professional misconduct but she was not struck off.

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BROADCAST**BBC Radio4, Material World, 15/04/2013**

BBC Radio4, 15/04/2013, p. 0, Unattributed

An administrator has been appointed to decide the future of Stafford Hospital after the Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust was declared clinically and financially unstable.

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Gosport hospital death: Gladys Richards 'had look of dying woman'

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A doctor has told an inquest that she could tell her patient was dying by the expression on her face.

Jane Barton was speaking in the case of Gladys Richards who died at Gosport War Memorial Hospital (GWMH) in 1998.

The 91-year-old was sent there to recover from a hip operation but died after being given diamorphine.

Her family has accused the hospital of "condemning" Mrs Richards to death, but Dr Barton said she was trying to relieve her suffering.

Inquests into 10 other deaths at the hospital in 2009 found that drugs were a contributory factor in some cases.

Hampshire Constabulary investigated the deaths of 92 elderly patients at GWMH but no prosecutions have ever been brought.

The inquest has heard Mrs Richards' family thought she was going to the hospital for two to four weeks to recover from a hip operation after a fall.

'Haunted, harrowed expression'

Dr Barton said it was likely Mrs Richards may already have been dying and that her chances were 50/50.

Mrs Richards subsequently suffered another fall, was transferred hospitals and had additional surgery.

Those factors reduced her chances of survival, Dr Barton said.



Gladys Richards, who had dementia, had been living at a nursing home

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She told the coroner she could tell she was dying by looking at her.

Asked to explain, she said it was the "haunted, harrowed expression" on her face.

The doctor then defended her decision to approve the continuous administration of diamorphine through a syringe driver.

She said it was not her intention to hasten death, only to relieve pain.

The coroner asked if she was surprised Mrs Richards had taken five days to die.

Dr Barton said: "We often saw in terminally ill patients that diamorphine seemed to keep them alive rather than kill them.

"It seemed to keep them alive until something like bronchial pneumonia came along and killed them."

A General Medical Council panel ruled in 2010 that Dr Barton had been guilty of multiple instances of professional misconduct, although she was not struck off.

The inquest at Portsmouth Guildhall is expected to finish on Friday.



Dr Barton was criticised by a General Medical Council panel in 2010

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