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Press Cuttings Summary  
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Direct Mentions

Print Mentions

The Independent on Sunday reports on the forthcoming fitness to practise hearing of Dr Jane Barton and how relatives of the deceased at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital, want the criminal case to be reopened after new pieces of evidence have emerged following recent inquests. The article looks at the processes of the GMC in relation of this case.

The Sunday Mail reports how two GPs are to face a GMC hearing this week. Dr Agnas Wallace and Dr James Miller are accused of failing to carry out simple checks on a teenager who died of organ failure.

The Church of Scotland is to campaign for terminally ill children to be given the right to refuse potentially life extending treatment. It believes that 'under-16s should be allowed to override their parents' wishes and reject the advice of doctors.' 'The article mentions GMC guidance. (The Sunday Times Scotland)

Broadcast Mentions

There are no broadcast mentions to note.

Times Letters page and GMC published responses There are no letters to note.

Other News

The Sunday Telegraph reports how a nurse warned managers of the neglect at Stafford Hospital more than a year before it was exposed. The paper reports that the nurse has spoken to them because 'she fears the culture of bullying is so entrenched that patients will remain at risk unless changes are made'. The article states that 'her report said doctors and nurses were ordered to discharge critically ill patients and lie about how long others waited.'

The Sunday Times reports how 35 chances to save Baby P's life were missed by NHS staff. The article mentions that Dr Sabah Al-Zayatt and his GP have been suspended.

The Sunday Herald reports on a pioneering project based in Glasgow which will soon enable trainee surgeons to operate on a digital simulation of the human body.

Scotland on Sunday reports on a pensioner who is fighting for new rules that would provide compensation for people who suffered medical negligence before the establishment of the NHS. The pensioner was given a massive x-ray overdose on his hand in 1942 when he was six-years old.

The Sunday Mirror reports how A&E doctor James Harrison is currently 'behind bars' after being convicted of harassing a female medic. He will be sentenced in July.

Headlines:

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The Sunday Telegraph

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Nurse warned scandal - hit hospital

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A NURSE warned managers about patient neglect at Stafford Hospital more than a year before one of the worst NHS scandals was publicly exposed, documents seen by The Sunday Telegraph show. The nurse, who worked at the hospital for four years, has spoken to this newspaper because she fears the culture of bullying is so entrenched that patients will remain at risk unless changes are made.

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Independent on Sunday

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Relatives of Gosport dead want criminal case reopened

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The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has been asked to reopen its investigation into a series of controversial deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. Relatives are asking it to revive the inquiry after several pieces of new evidence emerged during recent inquests. Norman Lamb, the Liberal Democrat health spokesman, last night became the most senior MP to call for a public inquiry into the 92 deaths, which were investigated by Hampshire police between 1998 and 2006.

Miscellaneous

The Sunday Times

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## Baby P blunders

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Thirty-five chances to save Baby P's life were missed by NHS staff, according to an official report by the Care Quality Commission published last Tuesday. The toddler was seen by health workers, nurses and consultants. The health watchdog ruled that any one of these could have detected the abuse he was suffering and saved him.

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## Sunday Mail

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GPs face rap over tragic teen's death

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TWO GPs accused of failing to carry out simple checks on a teenager who died of organ failure face a General Medical Council hearing this week.

Doctors

## Sunday Herald

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Scots' 3D virtual body set to revolutionise doctor training

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TRAINEE surgeons will soon be able to operate on a digital simulation of the human body, thanks to a pioneering project based in Glasgow hailed as one of the most important medical breakthroughs since keyhole surgery.  
NHS issues

## Scotland on Sunday

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Pensioner fights for pre-NHS damages

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A PENSIONER has begun a fight for new rules that would provide compensation to patients who suffered medical negligence before the establishment of the National Health Service.

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## The Sunday Times

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Kirk backs children's right to refuse treatment

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THE Church of Scotland is to campaign for terminally ill children to be given the right to refuse potentially life extending treatment.

Doctors

## Sunday Mirror

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'Stalker' doc rap

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Obsessive A& E doctor James Harrison is behind bars after being convicted of harassing a female medic. Harrison, who worked at the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham, will be sentenced on July 13.

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Evening Standard

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Great Ormond Street 'tried to hide Baby P failings with spin campaign'

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Great Ormond Street Hospital has been accused of mounting a spin campaign to cover up its failings over the Baby P case. Lynne Featherstone, MP for Haringey where Baby P lived, said the children's hospital's chief executive, Jane Collins, "misled" the public after revelations about problems at the child protection clinic in St Ann's Hospital, Tottenham, which Great Ormond Street runs.

Miscellaneous

Daily Express

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Baby in care died with 13 broken ribs

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Three months old Chelsey Essex died of a massive heart attack and 13 broken ribs after being placed with foster parents about whom social workers had raised concerns. She had been taken into care at birth because her drug-using mother had made her a heroin addict. A report by an independent review panel found that Chelsey's injuries were inflicted after she was placed with foster parents in Rotherham, South Yorks, in January 2007.

End of Life

Yorkshire Post

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Public given say on care as life ends

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Millions of pounds is to be spent on improving end-of-life healthcare in Rotherham.

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BMA News

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Licence-to-practise plans win wide support

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The GMC has said that its licence-to-practise proposals have won widespread support.

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BMA News

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Inquest prompts good practice warning

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The BMA has said that doctors should ensure they follow GMC good practice guidelines when handing over patients to colleagues.

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BMJ (British Medical Journal)

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Julia Riley, head of the Department of Palliative Medicine at London's Royal Marsden Hospital, hopes to see a rise in the number of advance care plans after publication of guidance from the Royal College of Physicians and General Medical Council.

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Daily Telegraph

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Shunned mother had meningitis

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A 37-year-old mother died from meningitis five days after doctors told her family to "stop fussing" because she only had a stomach bug.

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BMJ (British Medical Journal)

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GMC seeks volunteers

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The General Medical Council is looking to recruit a second tier of doctors to help inform and influence the policies and decisions of the council.

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Shields Gazette

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REGION in brief

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A doctor who carried out "sexually motivated" examinations on women has been struck off the medical register by the GMC.

Miscellaneous

## The Sun

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Tot nurse a bit rash

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A woman saved her toddler's life after ignoring a nurse's incorrect diagnosis when she correctly guessed her daughter had meningitis rather than chicken pox.

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## Sunderland Echo

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Doctor groped women during examinations

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A former Sunderland GP who conducted sexually-motivated examinations on three women has been struck off the medical register by the General Medical Council.

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## The News

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Inquests doctor is set to face hearing

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The GP at the centre of the Gosport War Memorial Hospital inquests is to appear before the General Medical Council.

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## The Northern Echo

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Doctor to face GMC hearing

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The doctor in charge of care at a hospital where medication contributed to the death of five patients is to face a Fitness to Practise hearing for alleged over-prescribing of painkillers, the General Medical Council (GMC) confirmed yesterday.

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## The Plymouth Herald

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City doctors will require a licence

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The General Medical Council is writing to Plymouth doctors ahead of a law change requiring them to hold a licence to practise.

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## Pulse

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Demands with menaces

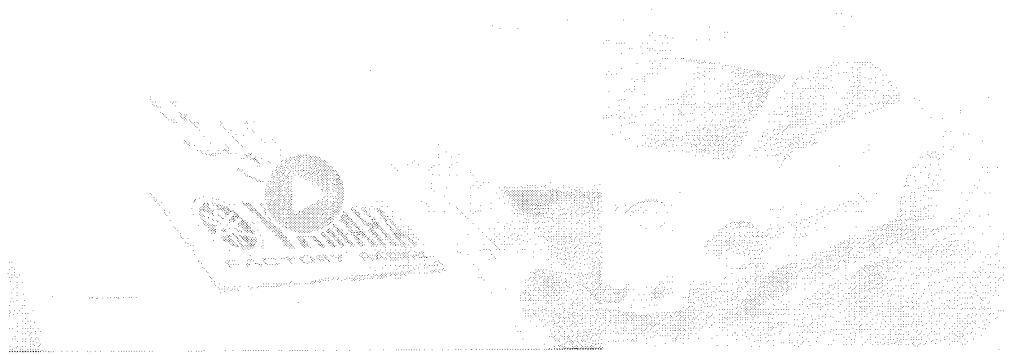
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Copperfield column discussing patients demanding sick notes from their GP. Mention of how one patient called for a colleague of his to be referred to the GMC for not giving them what they want.

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# Relatives of Gosport dead demand new police inquiry

Families threaten to boycott General Medical Council probe into deaths of elderly patients at Hampshire hospital

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The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has been asked to reopen its investigation into a series of controversial deaths at Gosport War Memorial Hospital. Relatives are asking it to revive the inquiry after several pieces of new evidence emerged during recent inquests.

Norman Lamb, the Liberal Democrat health spokesman, last night became the most senior MP to call for a public inquiry into the 92 deaths, which were investigated by Hampshire police between 1998 and 2006.

Mr Lamb told *The Independent on Sunday* that he will this week write to Jack Straw, the Secretary of State for Justice, and Alan Johnson, the Health Secretary, supporting calls from relatives, the Portsmouth coroner, Hampshire police and lawyers for an independent investigation into the deaths at Gosport.

His move comes just weeks before the General Medical Council will hear an inquiry into Jane Barton, the doctor at the heart of many of the allegations about the deaths at Gosport. Several families are threatening to boycott the proceedings in a vote of no confidence after the GMC refused to allow them legal representation.

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Mr Lamb added his voice to the mounting condemnation of the GMC, which stands accused of failing to deal properly and promptly with serious complaints of professional misconduct against Dr Barton.

John White, a solicitor from the law firm Blake Laphorn, said: "The medical evidence in these cases and the GMC processes are all so complicated that legal representation would enable the relatives to participate fully. By saying no, the GMC is effectively shutting them, and all their vast knowledge, out, which poses a risk to achieving a successful prosecution."

He added: "We are in this for the long haul. If the CPS refuses to re-open the criminal case and the Government refuses calls for a public inquiry, then our only option will be to get all the evidence in front of a judge through a group clinical negligence claim. We will get the answers whatever it takes."

The GMC's disciplinary panel, to be convened on 8 June, will examine Dr Barton's role in 12 cases in which patients died. The hearing comes seven years after the GMC was first warned about the deaths of elderly patients under her care. Relatives are angry that the GMC allowed Dr Barton to continue working unrestricted as a GP until last July.

Several earlier dates for a disciplinary hearing, going back to 2002, were postponed while investigations continued. It was deferred last September after the GMC decided to wait for the inquests to take place.

But Gillian Mackenzie, who was the first to raise the alarm after the death of her mother, Gladys Richards, aged 91, in 1998, is outraged because her mother's inquest is still outstanding. Mrs Mackenzie believes the GMC's refusal to reschedule her mother's case could jeopardise the inquest.

Peter Walsh, from Action Against Medical Accidents, said: "First, why were the original concerns of patients' relatives dismissed? Second, why did it take so long until the GMC imposed an interim order to protect the public? If they were right to act to protect the public in 2008, this means that they have left the public at unnecessary risk for years when they already had the information they needed from relatives, if they would only listen.

"There should be a wholesale review of the procedures to refocus them on what should be the overriding priority – protection of the public."

The GMC would not comment on any aspect of the case against Dr Barton but insists all its decisions have been based on the evidence available to it and in the public's best interests.

A spokeswoman defended the decision to refuse relatives the right to legal representation. The relatives will face questions as witnesses but cannot make available information they have discovered through their own investigations.

Mr Lamb said: "This case raises fundamental concerns about the way the GMC operates and its apparent failure to protect patient safety. While it is absolutely right to follow the principle of innocent until proven guilty, this does not mean steps to protect the public from potential risks cannot be taken, something which



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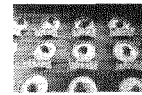


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has clearly not happened in this case.

"Given that lives were lost in circumstances which cause serious concern, it is truly extraordinary that this has dragged on for so many years."

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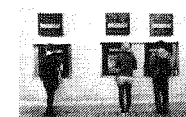
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## Dr Jane Barton to face GMC hearing

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### **The GP at the centre of the Gosport War Memorial Hospital inquests is to appear before the General Medical Council.**

A five-strong panel will examine the case of Dr Jane Barton, costing at least 100,000.

The panel has powers to issue a warning, remove Dr Barton from the medical register or suspend or place conditions on her registration.

**Code A** spokeswoman for the GMC, said it has had to wait for police investigations and inquests to be heard before it could hold the hearing.

She said: 'GMC investigations have to take account of other investigations such as criminal ones which take precedence.'

The hearing comes after 22 days of inquests into the deaths of 10 elderly patients at the Bury Road hospital.

In three cases the jury said high doses of strong painkillers given by family GP Dr Barton – a partner at the Forton Medical Centre in Whites Place, Gosport – were inappropriate. But the jury concluded that all 10 deaths were from natural causes.

Dr Barton was in day-to-day charge of the now defunct Daedalus and Dryad wards at Gosport War Memorial where the patients died between 1996 and 1999.

She is now subject to seven conditions placed on her by the GMC including a temporary ban on prescribing painkiller diamorphine.

Dr Barton must also restrict her prescribing of tranquiliser diazepam in-line with medical guidance.

The exact cost of the 53-day hearing has not yet been revealed. But lay members are to be paid 300 a day, and a legal advisor will be paid 500 daily. Doctors serving on the panel will be able to charge locum expenses to the GMC.

Dr Barton declined to comment when approached by The News.

## FACT FILE

Dr Jane Barton was the only doctor investigated in relation to the death of 10 elderly patients at Gosport War Memorial Hospital.

A damning report published by the then Commission for Health Improvement in 2002 found patients were being put at risk.

The deaths were subject to three inquiries by Hampshire Police and a probe by the Crown Prosecution Service – which decided in November 2006 that no charges would be brought.

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