

From: Jones, Prof D.R. [Code A]  
 Sent: 19 March 2003 14:28  
 To: Baker, Prof R.  
 Subject: RE: review

Richard:

There are other possibilities re analysis, but I doubt that they'd add much. The key point is that we need some estimates of 'time at risk' of each doc (Dr1 and Dr2) of certifying deaths in the groups concerned, otherwise more deaths in say Dr1 could result simply from their being on duty for longer than Dr2 etc, rather than a higher rate. My 'gaps' analysis was an attempt to infer these periods at risk indirectly. I can't think of other sensible ways of doing it if the direct info on hols etc isn't available.

Another possibility is a proportional mortality analysis which compares patterns of cause of cert by Dr cf. rates of overall or cause-specific certification. This could be done with the info available. If you think patterns could be importantly different (or rather, that such patterns could be meaningful) please let me know what groups of causes could be important in this way.

DRJ

> -----Original Message-----  
 > From: Baker, Prof R. [Code A]  
 > Sent: 18 March 2003 17:32  
 > To: David Jones (E-mail)  
 > Subject: FW: review  
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 > David  
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 > Below is a message from the director of public health, in  
 > response to my request for information about the practice  
 > and holidays. It is disappointing not to get more details,  
 > but I don't think we should approach the practice  
 > directly. The other option is to ask the police to  
 > investigate, but that might not be the most appropriate  
 > plan either. These details were important in undertaking  
 > further analysis of the practice mortality data, and for  
 > identifying holiday periods.  
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 > So, we cannot go further at present on holidays; do you  
 > have any suggestions on further analysis of the practice  
 > mortality patterns?  
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 > Richard  
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 > email [Code A]  
 > web [www.le.ac.uk/cgrdu](http://www.le.ac.uk/cgrdu)  
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 > -----Original Message-----  
 > From: Tanner Simon [Code A]  
 > Sent: 18 March 2003 15:20

> To: 'Baker, Prof R.'  
> Subject: RE: review  
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> Richard  
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> I am afraid that my enquiries have drawn a blank. There  
> are no records held  
> centrally on the issues that you raise. Dr. Barton would  
> only have had to  
> inform the FHSA of extended periods of leave and no-one  
> can find any such  
> record. The same applies to special interests of partners.  
> I think that the  
> only way that you could discover these things is by  
> direct, open contact  
> with the practice, which you might feel creates its own  
> problems. I'm sorry  
> not to be able to help.  
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> Simon  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Baker, Prof R. [Code A]  
> Sent: 18 March 2003 14:57  
> To: [Code A]  
> Subject: review  
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> Simon  
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> No doubt it is causing difficulties locating all the  
> details I requested  
> recently. How is it going, is there any information yet?  
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> Richard Baker  
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> T 0116 258 4873  
> F 0116 258 4982  
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> email: [Code A]  
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