

GP media coverage report for October GPC 2007-10-15

Extended opening hours for general practice topped the list of subjects the media were interested in during September. This was in the context of both the political party conferences and the Darzi review. The profession was also under attack from the CBI and we responded robustly. The following report shows the newspaper and broadcasting coverage of GPC issues during September. As we go to press we are about to publish the findings from the National Survey of GP Opinion. Coverage from this press conference will be included in the November report for GPC.

General Practice press releases issued

NHS Employers and BMA publish findings of GMS formula consultation 10 Sept
 BMA response to the Wanless report .11 Sept
 Electronic health records will fail unless public and professional confidence is restored, says BMA 13 Sept
 Don't blame GPs for an occupational health failure, says BMA 18 Sept
 General Practice: Delivering quality, improving outcomes (BMA Scotland) 25 Sept
 BMA response to Alan Johnson's speech 25 September
 Polyclinics not the answer to improving care in London, says BMA 27 September
 GPs in Northern Ireland come tops in the UK for quality of patient care 28 Sept
 GPs are still providing top quality care for their patients 28 Sept
 BMA responds to Conservative plan for GP contract 29 Sept
 GPs demand action to protect services in Scotland's rural communities 1 Oct
 GPs offer extra clinics to patients needing the flu jab 13 Oct
 GPs cannot fill the gaps in the NHS dental service, says BMA 15 Oct

September 2007 broadcasts and cuttings

	National	Regional	Total
Print:	26	25	51
Broadcasts:	17	11	28

SUBJECT	National broadcast	National print
GP hours / contracts	6	15
NHS rationing	1	-
Labour conference – Brown speech	1	-
Darzi Report on public engagement	4	-
Charging patients for treatment	1	-
Wanless Report	4	2
GPs recommending folic acid	-	1
Polyclinics	-	2
Doctors morale	-	1
CBI Report (GP contracts)	-	2
Private health centres to rival GP services	-	2
Violence against doctors	-	1
TOTAL	17	26

BMA spokespeople	Broadcast	Print
Laurence Buckman	6	10
Richard Vautrey	7	3
Kailash Chand	1	-
Hamish Meldrum	3	2
Dean Marshall	-	1
TOTAL	17	16

BROADCASTS

Saturday, 29 September 2007

Conservative proposals to renegotiate GP contract

- Dr Richard Vautrey - BBC News 24 / BBC Radio 5 Live / BBC Radio 4 'Today programme'

Tuesday, 25 September 2007

Extended opening hours

- Dr Hamish Meldrum - BBC 1 '10 o'clock News'

Doctor survey on NHS rationing

- Dr Richard Vautrey - BBC Radio 5 Live

Gordon Brown's conference speech

- Dr Kailash Chand - Channel M (Manchester)

Tuesday, 18 September 2007

Darzi report / NHS public engagement

- Dr Richard Vautrey - BBC Radio 5 Live
- Dr Laurence Buckman - BBC News 24
- Dr Hamish Meldrum - BBC 1 '6 o'clock News' / BBC 1 '10 o'clock News'

Friday, 14 September 2007

NHS charging abusive drunks for treatment

- Dr Richard Vautrey - BBC Radio 2 'Jeremy Vine Show'

Tuesday, 11 September 2007

GP extended hours

- Dr Richard Vautrey – GMTV
- Dr Laurence Buckman - BBC 1 Breakfast News

Wanless Report

- Dr Laurence Buckman - BBC 1 'Lunchtime News' / IRN / BBC News 24 / BBC 1 '10 o'clock News'

NATIONAL PRESS CUTTINGS

30/08

- The Sunday Telegraph P.15 – GPs vow to fight plan to tear up new contracts (quote by Hamish Meldrum & Richard Vautrey)

29/09

- Financial Times P.2 – Tory leader to renegotiate family doctors' contracts (quote by Laurence Buckman)
- Daily Mail P.6 – I'll tear up GP contracts says Tory leader (quote by Laurence Buckman)
- Daily Mail P.7 - £30,000 for wife who lost baby after GP failed to say: Take folic acid (quote by Richard Vautrey)

28/09

- Financial Times P.2 – BMA attacks ‘polyclinics’ (quote by Hamish Meldrum)

27/09

- Evening Standard P.16 – Doctors attack polyclinics plan in shake-up of NHS

26/09

- Daily Telegraph P.13 – Johnson spells out plan for ‘personal’ health service
- Financial Times P.2 – Johnson signals end of NHS reforms
- Evening Standard P.40 – Letters: A suitable case for treatment? (from Laurence Buckman)

25/09

- The Times P.20 – Letters: Heal the doctors

22/09

- The Times P.2 – GPs’ performance-related pay cost ministers £1.8bn more than bargained for (quote by Laurence Buckman)

18/09

- The Times P.5 – The patients’ advocate (interview with Laurence Buckman)
- Financial Times P.6 – CBI demands rewrite of doctors’ contracts (quote by Laurence Buckman)
- The Guardian P.7 – Virgin and Tesco may offer health services as rivals to GPs (quote by Laurence Buckman)
- The Times P.11 – GPs in the shops ‘will save workers’ time’
- Daily Mirror P.25 - £1bn cost to see GP

17/09

- Evening Standard P.45 – Letters; Don’t blame GPs for the NHS’ ills (from Richard Vautrey)

13/09

- The Times P.18 – Letters: Wanless, GPs and the snatched-back contract

11/09

- The Times P.16 – Letters: Blinkered BMA
- Financial Times P.3 – GPs under pressure to work weekends (quote by Laurence Buckman)
- Daily Telegraph P.4 – Johnson attacks GPs over surgery hours (quote by Laurence Buckman)

10/09

- The Times P.4 – GPs to work evenings and weekends
- The Times P.16 – Editorial: Doctors (Not) on Call
- Daily Mail P.12 – GPs asked to work in the evening
- Evening Standard P.2 – GPs told to open weekend and late surgeries (quote by Laurence Buckman)

01/09

- The Times P.13 – Medical workers to get better protection after GP is stabbed at surgery (quote by Dean Marshall)

GP Regional Coverage September 07

Total **36**
Print **25**
Broadcast **11**

Top Stories

Extended opening hours	17
NHS Admin	4
GP workload	4
Violence	2
Supermarket GPs	1
CBI survey	1
Private practice	1
Phone charge	1
Hosp. discharge	1
Out of Hours	1
Missed appointments	1
Retirement	1
PMS	1

Spokespeople

Spokesman	TV	R	P
Laurence Buckman		3	3
Paul Hobday			4
Richard Vautrey	1	1	2
Kailash Chand			2
Neil Coleman			1
Brian Dunne		1	
Simon Lockett			1
Hamish Meldrum			1
Micheal Pym		1	
Stewart Scott		1	
Fay Wilson			1

Broadcast

1/9

- BBC Radio Ulster "Violence" Brian Dunne interview

2/9

- QFM "Violence" Stewart Scott interview

5/10

- BBC Radio Suffolk "Missed appointments"

10/9

- BBC Radio Berkshire "Out of Hours"
- BBC Radio York "Extended opening hours" Richard Vautrey interview

11/9

- ITV Carlton "Extended opening hours" Richard Vautrey interview

12/9

- Wave 105.2 "Extended opening hours" Laurence Buckman interview
- BBC Radio Leicester "Extended opening hours" Laurence Buckman interview
- Downtown FM "Extended opening hours" Laurence Buckman interview
- BBC Radio Bristol "Phone charges" Michael Pym interview

25/9

- BBC Radio Bristol "Extended opening hours"

Print

4/9

- Wigan Observer "Doctor says farewell" P8

6/9

- Tameside Advertiser "Heart patients in discharge mix-up" P7 Kailash Chand quote
- Yorkshire Post "They earn £88,000 a year and treat 40 patients a day. Are GPs value for money?" P11. Richard Vautrey interview

11/9

- Brighton Argus "More GPs must work weekends" P10 Laurence Buckman quote
- Wolverhampton Express and Star "GPs urged to change hours" P19
- East Anglian Daily Times "GPs must keep pace with beat of modern life" P20
- Eastern Daily Press "Give us staff and we will work longer" P2

12/9

- Tottenham & Wood Green Advertiser "Why are our GPs so overstretched?" P9 Laurence Buckman quote
- Crouch End Advertiser "Why are our GPs so overstretched?" P9 Laurence Buckman quote
- Oldham Evening Chronicle "GP chief against surgery extension" P11. Kailash Chand quote

13/9

- Waltham Forest Guardian "Mother baulks at £50 for doc's letter" P N/A

14/9

- Slough & Langley Observer "Doctor defends GPs' workload" P14 Neil Coleman quote
- KM Extra (Tonbridge) "Docs hit out in secretary row" P13. Paul Hobday quote
- KM Extra (Sevenoaks) "Docs hit out in secretary row" P13. Paul Hobday quote

19/9

- Birmingham Mail "Brown: GPs can stay open later" P25
- Birmingham Post "Bold Brown tackles GPs head-on in first city visit" P1

14/9

- Kent Messenger "GPs' warning over cutbacks on secretaries" P8 Paul Hobday quote

18/9

- Birmingham Post "Patients open to medical mishap" P5 Fay Wilson quote

20/9

- Birmingham News "Brown in GP pledge" P13

21/9

- KM Extra "GPs may lose vital secretary service" P1. Paul Hobday quote

24/9

- London Metro "Dangers of the PC GP" P17

25/9

- Medway Standard "Do you want a dose of supermarket diagnosis?" P10

27/9

- Torquay Herald Express "GP hits back over weekend surgeries call" P4
- Lincoln Target "GPs facing calls for more flexible opening hours" P1 Hamish Meldrum quote

29/9

- East Anglian Daily Times "GPs' contract dispute" P5 Richard Vautrey quote