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Case 3: 'Hampshire psychiatrist Dr Joseph Bray had affair with patient'. (MailOnline:2015).



The screenshot shows the MailOnline website interface. At the top is the 'MailOnline' logo. Below it is a navigation bar with links for Home, News, U.S., Sport, TV&Showbiz, Australia, Femail, Health, Science, and Money. A secondary bar contains links for Latest Headlines, News, World News, Arts, Headlines, Pictures, Most read, News Board, and Wires. The main headline reads: 'When my wife dies, I'll sleep with as many women as possible: What psychiatrist told patient betrayed by husband'. Below the headline is a bulleted list of key points: Dr Joseph Bray, 57, allegedly compared patient to her husband's mistress; he also told her she could not expect men to remain faithful, which was heard by a tribunal; the psychiatrist, who had an affair with another patient, denies behaving in a sexual manner; and he could be struck off after a tribunal hearing into alleged misconduct. The article is attributed to JAYA NARAIN FOR THE DAILY MAIL and includes publication and update dates: 11:21, 13 May 2015 and 11:44, 14 May 2015.

A psychiatrist stunned a depressed patient by telling her: 'When my wife dies, I will s**g as many women as I can', a tribunal heard yesterday.

The woman had gone to Dr Joseph Bray, 57, in 'emotional distress' after learning that her husband had been unfaithful.

But Bray, a married father of two, told her that men are not biologically programmed for monogamy and said it was 'unreasonable' for a wife to expect her husband to remain faithful.

He then used Google to find pictures of her husband's mistress before comparing the two women physically.

Bray later had an affair with another patient, after stroking her hair and kissing her on the head during consultations, complimenting her on her looks and telling her: 'If only I was 20 years younger.'

The Dublin-born consultant is appearing before a medical tribunal where he faces being struck off for the affair and his inappropriate comments.

The hearing was told the first woman, known as Patient A, had gone to the £3,000-a-week Priory Hospital in Southampton after learning of her husband's infidelity.

During the consultation Bray searched the internet for pictures of the mistress and also focused on explicit terms used in emails the patient had discovered which had been sent to her husband by his lover.

Paul Williams, for the General Medical Council, told the tribunal in Manchester: 'He used the internet to locate pictures of her husband's mistress and went on to make comparisons between the physical appearance of Patient A and the mistress.'

'He used inappropriate colloquial terms when talking about the conduct of the husband including the word "s**gging" and discussed personal relationships of his own.

'The conversation turned from simple relationship matters to physical appearance, attraction and discussing sexual matters.

'Dr Bray's persistent focus on the context of emails received by the husband made her feel awkward and uncomfortable. She felt it was sufficient to say the content was explicit.

'She found it distressing and unprofessional for the doctor to Google her husband's mistress and begin passing comments about women. Patient A states the comments that "men were not biologically programmed for monogamy" and "to expect fidelity in marriage is an unreasonable expectation" were unhelpful remarks. 'She says he also said, "When my wife dies I will s**g as many women as I can", which was unprofessional and irrelevant.'

Three months after the consultation Bray – who previously lectured at Leicester University and was a consultant psychiatrist with the NHS in Scotland – began flirting with another woman, Patient B, during counselling sessions and later began a sexual relationship with her.

Mr Williams said: 'The doctor made remarks about her physical appearance, stroking her hair, kissing her on the head. The doctor has demonstrated that he is willing to cross boundaries of a relationship with Patient B and to go all the way to a full-blown relationship.'

The hearing was told Patient A wrote a letter of complaint to her GP about Bray but elected not to give a statement to the GMC.

Bray admits acting inappropriately during his consultation with Patient A but denies his conduct was sexually motivated. He admits all allegations regarding his conduct and inappropriate, sexual relationship with Patient B. A spokesperson for Priory Group said: "We can confirm that Priory referred Dr Bray to the GMC when these allegations came to light and he has not practised at Priory Southampton in more than two years. It would not be appropriate to comment further while the proceedings are ongoing."

The hearing continues.

