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NHS scrutiny

The health service cannot be trusted to investigate itself (“Ambulance trust covered up paramedics’ fatal errors like a ‘criminal gang’”, News, last week). The coronial system is unreliable and concerned only with fatality, and bereaved relatives have limited opportunity to participate. It is the adversarial nature of clinical negligence litigation that ensures independent, rigorous clinical scrutiny. Access to justice is available to all: privatised, self-funding, and free at the point of need.

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