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Doctors' Strikes

[NHS lawyers: reward for failure]

SIR – Allison Pearson describes a lawyer's reports of NHS clinical negligence cases that were “deliberately dragged out” (“NHS management is a bullying, incompetent cult”, Comment, September 1). Most negligence claims are funded by no-win, no-fee – so there is no reward for failure. By contrast, NHS lawyers are paid regardless of outcome, which incentivises “delay, deny, defend” behaviour, and rewards failure.

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