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Dear Sir/Madam

I have read about your intention to restrict/sanction medical practitioners for expressing their informed opinion when it varies from the majority/popular position.

I have worked for 30 years as an ancillary health professional and this is why I am expressing my concern re this development. I have worked with families who have greatly benefited from the professional expertise of Paediatricians who have voiced their knowledge/opinions (in hospitals) which have been in contrast to others.

I feel it is dangerous to restrict discussion, and different approaches, which are informed and evidence based, even though a challenge to those who are content to stay with in the status quo.

Difference prompts discussion and ultimately is beneficial to treatment.

Please do not fall back into the old medical position of "superiority" and "I know best" - history so often repeats itself in this area to the detriment of many!

With concern, Christine Tyler