

As a student, the importance of honesty and our obligations to our patients are continually reinforced, and indeed, selected for prior to admission to medicine. We are privileged enough to go behind closed doors, see people at their most vulnerable, and help them whatever way we can. This law implies that Doctors, who are one of, if not the most trusted professions, now require a legal enforcement towards truthfulness. That those who have chosen this career, where decisions are dictated by conscience, have some sort of deficiency or moral failing where they must have the threat of fines or imprisonment to do the right thing. Where does this leave us in the eyes of the public? Are we traditionally so bad? In the background of being called heroes, this change suggests our actual priority is saving our own skin at the patient's cost. Where is the legal obligation towards candour in NI politics for politicians? I have no doubts this would be vetoed immediately, cross party.