

I am a GP in [REDACTED] and am concerned at the proposed changes linking individual duty of candour to criminal sanction would have unintended negative consequences and would not improve patient safety.

The proposal is not supported by any evidence.

I believe that it would create a climate of fear.

We are currently working under extreme pressure in order to try to provide provide our patients with GP services. We are working long hours and struggling it keep up with the workload.

We need support, training and more hands on deck to assist with the workload rather than the threat of criminal sanction.

There is no evidence that blaming individuals when things go wrong helps prevent failures in the future.

If the proposed changes were enacted they would facilitate the creation of a ever more unpleasant work environment from which GPs would chose to reduce their work hours or be lost workforce