

I already adhere to GMC guidelines/Good Medical Practice in my day to day work. I can have a complaint raised against me by any patient at any time. Our practice does SEA meetings when things go wrong. We are all human and can make mistakes but this added risk of criminal sanctions will only serve to add severe stress to an already very stressful job. Our waiting lists are dreadful, we have worked tirelessly through COVID, we are doing our absolute best for our patients every single day. All this will lead to is defensive practice, over referral, over investigation in an already broken system, so patients will not benefit. Who will want to work in NI if this comes into place? All our medical students will go across the water or further afield. How can appraisal happen? How can I be a trainer? I would find it impossible to work if these conditions were enforced.