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Dear Sir or Madam,

It seems that every new government initiative has echoes of previous tried and tested practices. The latest is the reintroduction of an eleven-plus examination for secondary schools. Previously we have had modern day matrons for the health service, and modern apprenticeships. One old idea that has not come back is allowing doctors and nurses to be in charge of the care of patients in our NHS.

Had Trust Managers listened to the doctors and nurses the practice of overcrowding patient bays at our Hospital Trust would have been stopped earlier without the need for an external report damning the practice as unsafe. Patients need not have been endangered and deaths may have been avoided. Instead Trust Managers ignored the clinical staff and suspended the whistleblower, Dr Raj Mattu.

Yours faithfully,

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