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On Monday 22 August 2005 11:39, ponysteel wrote:

> The Blair "government" has a poor track record when it comes to
> taking notice of public petitions. One on circumcision would be a no-
> hoper in view of the crazy economics of the NHS in which the demand
> for money expands infinitely to absorb the supply of taxpayers' money
> made available to it. Elective circumcision will remain within the
> province of the private sector until our daft NHS is disbanded and
> replaced with a system which is viable economically.
> > Ponysteel

The concept of eliminating the NHS altogether offends my partly socialist
principles, but I do not want to get into a political debate here.

Eventually, as evidence of the medical benefits (and consequently, the
resulting cost savings) continues to mount, the financial case for
circumcision will become so strong that insurers and even the perpetually cash-strapped NHS will be able to ignore them.

In the meantime, I believe that the best strategy will be for the NHS - GPs
especially, but also nurses and midwives - to work with the private system,
discussing circumcision with prospective parents and
then referring to a
nearby private doctor to perform the procedure for a
reasonable fee (in the
US, circumcisions typically cost $50-$150, or about £30
to £120). Private
clinics could even operate within NHS hospitals, leasing
space from the
trust.

It won't happen tomorrow, but the religious circumcision
clinics opened in the
past few years (Leeds springs to mind) are a good
precedent.

Jake