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Thank Goodness we now have business-sense to safeguard our Welfare

Commercially injected Welfare Services are managing a magical amalgam: combining venal corporate capitalism with leaden, officious, State bureaucracy. Here is one tiny example: we can expect much more.

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We are living in worryingly ingenious times. Example: I have just paid fifty pounds to a large profit-making Corporation, subcontracted by the local council, for them to issue me with a Certificate, in order for them to collect my non-clinical refuse. They know that my clinical waste is disposed of by another (non-commercial) agency. Because I am a GP I am posed certain questions to certify my good citizenship and thus guarantee public safety: I must answer that I will not put such things as used dressings, sharp surgical instruments, excised body parts, unwanted organs, bodily fluids or dead babies in the general waste. They will not collect my waste without their (my) Certificate, which I can only purchase from them. They do not check the accuracy of my answers.

This is a brilliant conflation of venal, opportunistic, corporate capitalism and laden, vacuous, officious bureaucracy: it exemplifies much that is most specious, profligate and foolish in our commercially injected welfare services. Whatever happened to medical office effluent before such corporate vanguards were there to protect us, and the Certificates issued to 'prove' it?

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