

Government may like giant GP practices, but what about the rest of us?

You report ('Big GP Revolution', 17.3.17) that a health minister and the Royal College of GPs are telling us that enormous surgeries of 40,000 patients – 'super-hubs' – will provide better economy and efficiency.

As a veteran GP I have serious doubts. Such super-hubs may make some savings with premises and administration, but they lose far more that is important. These enormous practices easily become anonymous, unfriendly and clogged with too much procedure. People don't get to know one another, so support, diagnosis and treatments easily become *less* effective.

Patients often tell me how much more they like traditional small practices where they can get to know their family doctor. For similar reasons doctors were mostly happier in smaller practices – that is why GPs are now becoming so demoralised and are leaving the service.

The Sun can do us all a favour by doing a survey: what kind of GP service do we want?