

Importing doctors may help *us* ... for a while

We have recent government initiatives to expedite the immigration of foreign doctors: this is to rectify our increasing shortage of NHS medical staff. Hopefully this may bring some partial and fragile relief to our ailing services.

But any such relief also obscures these important questions: why are we not training enough of our own doctors? Why are we increasingly losing doctors from NHS employment? And if we lure doctors away from comparatively poor and less advantaged countries, what does this say about our morality?

The answers to these questions tell us a lot about the complex sickness of our NHS.