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LORD SAATCHI'S "MEDICAL INNOVATION BILL" IS WELL- INTENTIONED BUT DANGEROUS AND UNNECESSARY

The charity for patient safety and justice, Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA), has deemed Lord Saatchi's Medical Innovation Bill "dangerous and unnecessary". [The charity's response to the Department of Health consultation](#) on the Bill acknowledges that the Bill is well intentioned, but argues that current law relating to clinical negligence already allows for the kind of treatment decisions which the Bill attempts to protect, and that the Bill would have serious unintended consequences for patient safety and access to justice for patients harmed by clinical negligence.

AvMA chief executive, Peter Walsh, said:

"This Bill is well intentioned but should not be taken forward by the Government. As well as being based on a complete misunderstanding of how clinical negligence law works, it is dangerous. It could lead to reckless treatment decisions by maverick doctors, and could deprive patients injured by clinical negligence of the justice they need and deserve."

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