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Times letters: Medical mistakes and a culture of cover-ups

Sir, My previously well daughter, Gaia, died aged 25 shortly after hospital admission of an unexplained brain condition. At her inquest the coroner allowed the NHS to pick the clinical witnesses, and relied on the hospital's rambling and muddled investigation, while disregarding my proposals. I believe the inquest was a waste of time and money and a missed opportunity to learn: the triumph of reputation over patient safety. More than two years later the cause of death remains unknown and my daily battle for Gaia's truth continues while I feel inhumanely robbed of the chance to grieve the loss of my only child. This "toxic" and "untruthful" NHS further harms those already traumatised and bereaved without blinking an eye.

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