

Health care providers failed Linda

BY refusing the late Linda O'Boyle chemotherapy (June 3), for paying part of her treatment privately, South West Essex Primary Care Trust and the National Health Service as a whole have neglected their responsibility to

providing healthcare.

More and more people in this country are finding their health held at the mercy of the National Institute for Clinical Excellence, who's decisions are so often based on the costs of a drug rather than it's effective-

ness at curing life-threatening diseases.

How terrible that the people who should suffer from this ridiculous rule are those who have suffered the most horrendous ordeal already.

People who go privately to top up their health-

care treatment, with drugs unavailable by public providers, are not hurting the NHS, indeed they are relieving the pressure on a system that is already bursting at the seams.

PAUL HEALY
Sparrows Herne, Basildon