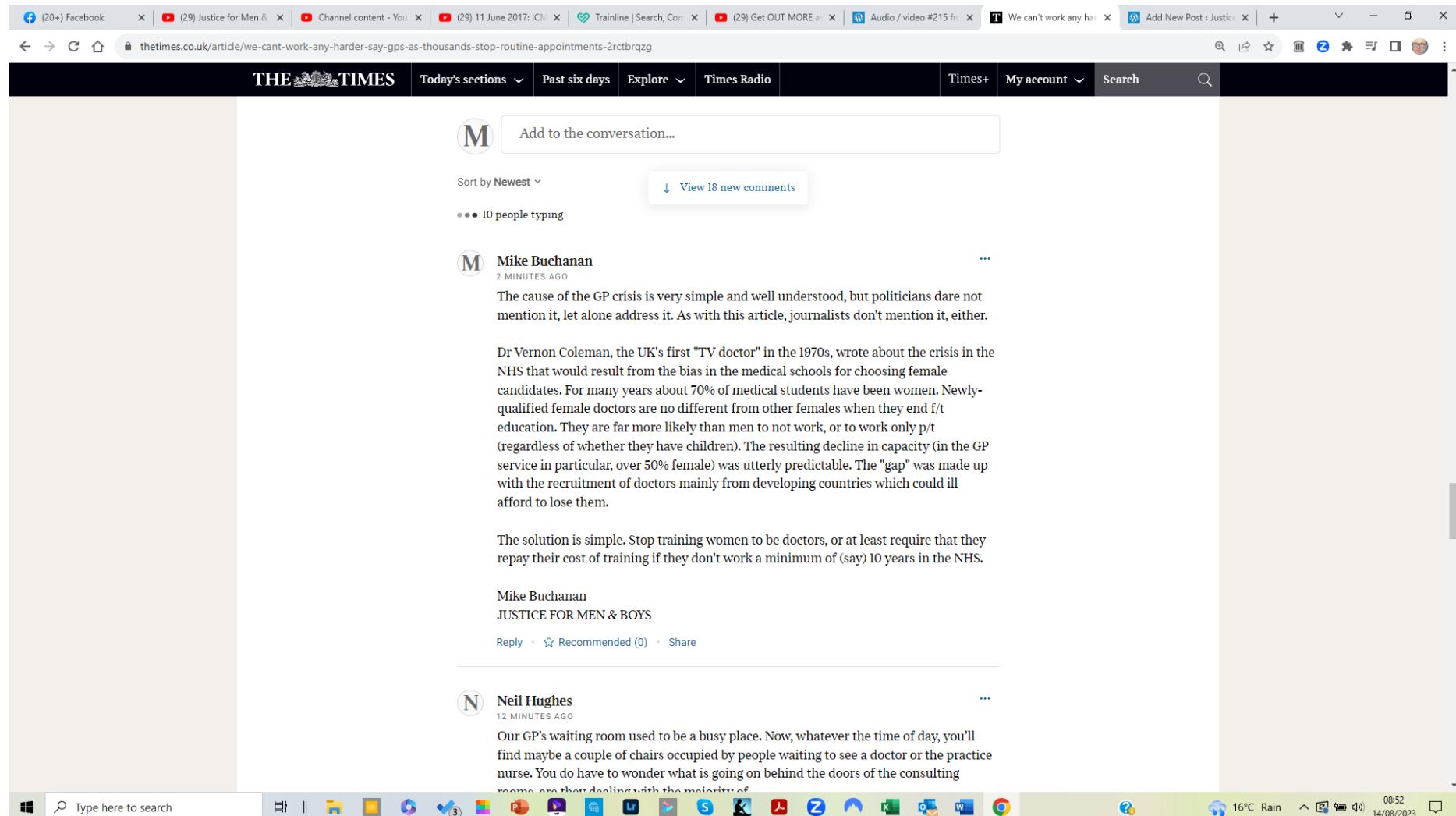


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The cause of the GP crisis is very simple and well understood, but politicians dare not mention it, let alone address it. As with this article, journalists don't mention it, either.

Dr Vernon Coleman, the UK's first "TV doctor" in the 1970s, wrote about the crisis in the NHS that would result from the bias in the medical schools for choosing female candidates. For many years about 70% of medical students have been women. Newly-qualified female doctors are no different from other females when they end f/t education. They are far more likely than men to not work, or to work only p/t (regardless of whether they have children). The resulting decline in capacity (in the GP service in particular, over 50% female) was utterly predictable. The "gap" was made up with the recruitment of doctors mainly from developing countries which could ill afford to lose them.

The solution is simple. Stop training women to be doctors, or at least require that they repay their cost of training if they don't work a minimum of (say) 10 years in the NHS.

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**N** **Neil Hughes** 12 MINUTES AGO

Our GP's waiting room used to be a busy place. Now, whatever the time of day, you'll find maybe a couple of chairs occupied by people waiting to see a doctor or the practice nurse. You do have to wonder what is going on behind the doors of the consulting rooms, are they dealing with the majority of

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