

Sir

Praise for Medics

I am well aware that we now live in a seemingly endless fault-finding blame culture. This letter is intended to reverse that. My wife recently had a fall at home. Suffering as she does from a rare form of Motor Neurone Disease, I was unable to lift her. I rang 111, and having given the requested details, an ambulance duly arrived within 20 minutes. With total efficiency, experience, courtesy and good humour, my wife was quickly returned to her bed. We were both very relieved and grateful. However, it then took the paramedics another 20 minutes to complete the necessary paperwork. Taking this and the state of the roads and the roadworks into account, is it any wonder ambulances miss their targets? Who sets these seemingly arbitrary and obviously unattainable targets anyway? Small wonder these overstretched life-savers are taking so many days off with stress related sickness. Praise where it's due; 'Thank You'.

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