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Abortion ruling is a missed opportunity to recognise the disparity in women's reproductive health rights across the UK

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A judge's decision to separate a transgender parent from her Jewish Orthodox children was deeply misguided

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Forced cutting of young boys' genitals violates the most fundamental medical ethics

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Too often those who carry out forced cutting of young boys' genitals escape with gentle admonishment, rather than punishment commensurate with the severity of their actions, writes Dr Antony Lempert of the Secular Medical Forum.

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Channel 4's Dispatches reveals intimidating tactics of US-inspired anti-abortion campaigners

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Ritual circumcision: religious rights of parents are at odds with the best interests of the child

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By Dr Antony Lempert, Secular Medical Forum

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