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What does whistle-blowing mean to us in the light of events at Stafford Hospital and the ensuing *Francis Report*? Our two connected lead articles explore the implications for counsellors and psychotherapists working in the NHS. The overwhelming majority of us who work as healthcare practitioners are in the job because we care about clients, but what happens when we are faced with having to balance patient care with pressures on the system?

In her article, Louise Robinson presents some hypothetical scenarios where ethical dilemmas develop out of such pressures. Following on, Peter Jenkins explores the rights of employees who raise concerns, and argues that whistle-blowing has a direct relevance to all therapists working in the NHS. We would love to know what you think and to know about your own dilemmas.

The subject of best practice is often featured, in some form, in the pages of this journal, and Elizabeth Baird's article, about continuing to work as a therapist after being diagnosed with MS, offers us an example of a practitioner who is committed to carrying on working in the face of a life-changing diagnosis.

