

Charlie's chance at life not 'futile'

One of the hardest things about life without our son Charlie is having to confront the repeated use and misuse of his name.

Harry Wallop's article ("The doctor will weigh up the cost of your child's life now", News Review, last week) lumps our son's case in with others and brands them "a sign that the British public expects a life to be saved, no matter how 'futile'".

It is precisely because

treatment was not considered futile by a number of world-leading medical institutions that we fought to prevent the removal of Charlie's life support. When his condition had deteriorated beyond the point at which the proposed treatment could be effective, we dropped the case.

There seems to be a concerted attempt to discredit those who question the decisions of hospitals in cases like ours. We hope they never have to bury their child believing that more could have been done to save them.
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