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Any unified, national, health database will instantly and automatically become an absolute honeypot, a "holy grail", for foreign intelligence services! And what's more, their first interest will be our politicians!

Anyone in any doubt about this should just take the briefest of looks at the history of intelligence-gathering - absolutely rife with blackmail and manipulation. Nothing would be more desirable than politicians', generals' and public servants' health records. Evidence of depression, psychiatric problems generally, sexual problems, sexual disease, etc would be gold to these organisations. Chinese agencies, Mossad, and others will be on to it in a flash, and with all information in a single repository, untold thousands of access points, heavy dependence on I.T., and these organisations sublime I.T. skills, any such system will be breached within days.

But the main point is that our politicians (particularly the holders of senior offices) will automatically be the prime targets - we all will become less assured that the country is being run in our own interests.

For Senators and Members concerned about such databases, giving this point a burst of prominent publicity will, I suggest, be by far the most potent criticism that can be made. The instant the penny drops for politicians, they may run a mile! It just hasn't been mentioned yet!

One can make much the same case for the threat from organised crime, or corrupt business organisations, political opponents etc, but the foreign intelligence services, with their immensely subtle skills, are the daunting threat.