

Chambers oppose health changes

The Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Trades and Crafts are both unhappy with the proposed health reforms, saying they don't address fundamental problems over funding. They say that increasing subscriptions and cutting subsidies is merely piecemeal change that will not bring long term stability. They like the idea of the introduction of a "reference doctor" for each patient and other

measures to ensure greater co-ordination. These comments following the end of the doctors' and dentists' industrial action which lasted most of November in which they restricted their service to morning drop-in service only. They called off the action after the government promised to phase in certain changes.