

Support for Circumcision Proposal

A controversial proposal by Sweden's National Board of Health and Welfare regarding the circumcision of young boys is gaining support among political parties.

The plan, announced earlier this year, would oblige local councils to carry out a circumcision if the boy's family wanted the procedure.

It's aimed at halting the increasing number of circumcisions taking place outside of the health service, which leaves boys at a greater risk of infection.

The Minister for Health and Social Affairs, Göran Hägglund, is yet to take a stand on the issue, but fellow Christian Democrat Chatrine Pålsson Ahlgren, who sits on the parliamentary committee for social affairs, supports the proposal.

The committee's chairperson, Kenneth Johansson of the Center Party, told Swedish Radio News that he wants to see greater availability of circumcisions within the health service, and more information published to challenge some parents' belief that circumcision is prohibited in Sweden.