

Failure in the UK is plain to see

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These four items were all headlines in this morning's Guardian newspaper business newsletter:

Severn Trent

Dividend exceeds £260m amid rising anger over sewage pollution

Freeports

Inquiry launched into corruption claims at Teesside project

SSE

Energy firm reports near doubling of annual profits

Private healthcare

Record rise in users amid NHS frustration

In turn we get:

- * The exploitation of a public necessity - water - for private gain.
- * The potential corruption of programmes driven by right-wing ideology.
- * The exploitation of war for private gain at cost to people in this country.
- * The enforced payment for what should be provided free of charge by the state because of the bankruptcy of Tory policy.

The evidence that the UK is working very well for some at cost to the great majority in this country is plain to see.