



fair telecoms campaign

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RELATIVES face paying more than £1 per minute to call hospital patients under an industry regulator's shake-up, watchdogs claim.

Ofcom is planning to cap the 55p-a-minute bedside phone charges to help patients stay connected.

But protesters say firms that run the services could switch from 070 numbers to dearer 09 numbers.

David Hickson, of the Fair Telecoms Campaign, said: "People will be clobbered for higher charges." US firm Hospedia, which runs services at 150 hospitals, declined to comment. Last year, it increased its minimum price for a basic TV package from £5.50 to £7.90 a day.

David Hickson



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