

move alone, especially in isolated places or at night.

They should also avoid going to public entertainment places unac-

school authority for security purposes.

The National Children Authority (NCA) would also want to remind

abuse.

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## What paying medics better than science teachers means

If gross salary of a clinical officer increases to Shs1.7 million while that of degree science teachers is kept at Shs1.1 million, what will happen is that science students at A-Level will stop applying for degree courses in education and will opt for diploma courses in clinical medicine, nursing and other courses.

Even those going on private sponsorship will not choose degree course in education. They will also go for the better and promising diploma

courses. The only students who will opt to offer a course in education will be those going for diploma level, many of whom could have performed very poorly.

Science teachers will go for diploma courses in clinical medicine and nursing, among others, given that many of them actually qualify for to join the course.

This will be in addition to those going for other degree courses and masters as well as those moving out

of the country.

My fear is that a combination of the above effects will lead to a scarcity of science teachers not seen before in this country.

This is because there will be an outflow but no inflow of science teachers.

These effects may not be felt immediately, but it will be seen in less than five years.

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