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Title

Ken Clarke has proposed a new title "The NHS: A Healthy Future". We believe this is a rather weak and awkward title.

The title needs to be more muscular. Tim Bell has suggested two more options.

'A stronger health service: building for the future'

'Building a strong health service'.

The first is a little too long but at least it has real substance and offers a challenge for the future.

Kent Clarke's Redraft of Chapter 1 and 13

These chapters are very much better.

Para 1.3 The statement 'expenditure by the NHS will then be equivalent to around £35 for an average family of four' is too vague. Is this per week? - yes

Para 1.9 First objective line 3

Change 'delegated' to 'devolved' (to avoid repetition on the next line).

No - devolved has other overtones

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