

PRIME MINISTER

NHS REVIEW

I have taken action to implement the views you expressed on the batch of papers you saw last night. In particular, the Department of Health have been commissioned to produce a full and detailed paper setting down options on exactly how the new central management structure would work.

In terms of meetings, the arrangements are now as follows:

- as previously arranged, E(A) will meet at 1000 next Tuesday, 24 January.
- this will be followed by a newly arranged meeting of the NHS Review Group to consider the DOH paper on organisation (to be circulated on Monday night).
I have invited Sir Christopher France to the meeting.
You will also want to consider whether to invite the newly appointed NHS Chief Executive, Duncan Nichol - which Ken Clarke would favour.

But meantime, you will want to consider over the weekend the latest papers. These are:

- Flag A - revised version of the draft White Paper, for discussion at E(A). *(This does not yet reflect all your detailed comments).*
- Flag B - Richard Wilson's steering brief for that meeting, including some suggested introductory remarks.
- Flag C - Note by Bernard with the latest text for your video and the arrangements for Monday's recording session.
- Flag D - The DOH drafts of the two summaries of the White Paper - a popular version for the public and a

version for NHS staff.

Flag E - Notes by Ian Whitehead on the White Paper summaries.

It would be helpful to have over the weekend your reactions on the following points:

- (i) do you want Duncan Nichol to come to Tuesday's meeting on the future organisation?
- (ii) do you want your name to appear with the four Secretaries of State on the front cover of the White Paper?
- (iii) do you want to feed in Ian's and any other comments on the White Paper summaries?

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