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From the Private Secretary

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NHS REVIEW: WHITE PAPER SUMMARIES

The Prime Minister was grateful for a sight of the two proposed summaries of the White Paper, enclosed with your letter of 20 January to Carys Evans.

Popular Version

The Prime Minister has the following comments:

- in the first line delete "the best system of its kind" and substitute "unsurpassed";
- add to the end of the last sentence of the first paragraph "bringing the total to X millions a year";
- on the first line of page 3 delete "major";
- the Prime Minister thinks it is essential for the popular version to include a reference to tax relief for the elderly.

Draft Paper for NHS Staff

The Prime Minister has the following comments:

- paragraph 9, second indent, line one, delete "major";
- section on Self-Governing Hospitals, paragraph 4, delete the last sentence (beginning "Initially, major acute hospitals....")
- in the New Funding Arrangements section, delete the last sentence;
- in the GP Practice Budgets section, third paragraph, amend "at least £600,000-£700,000" to "at least £500,000";
- paragraph 15, first sentence should be deleted.

I am copying this letter to Carys Evans (Chief Secretary's Office and Richard Wilson (Cabinet Office).

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