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THE PRIME MINISTER

24 April 1989

Dear Miss Ashton,

Thank you for your letter of 13 April about membership of the NHS Policy Board. The Secretary of State for Health is responsible for appointing the members of the NHS Policy Board. I have therefore passed your letter to him. I am sure he will take careful note of your view that the Chief Nursing Officer of his Department should be a full member of the Board.

Yours sincerely

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Miss Ruth M. Ashton

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Dear Mr. Clay,

Thank you for your letter of 12 April about membership of the NHS Policy Board. The Secretary of State for Health is responsible for appointing the members of the Policy Board. I have therefore passed your letter to him. I am sure he will take careful note of your view that both the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Nursing Officer of his Department should be full members of the Board.

Yours sincerely

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20 April 1989

Dear Paul *ACG*
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NHS POLICY BOARD

You asked for draft replies to two letters from the Royal College of Nursing and the Royal College of Midwives about membership of the Policy Board. You suggested that the draft replies should be prepared after the ministerial meeting next Tuesday on central management of the NHS. However, my Secretary of State does not propose that the Chief Nursing Officer should be a member of the Policy Board. There would therefore be merit in the Prime Minister replying now along the lines of the attached drafts. It would be difficult to send a short non committal reply when a full announcement about the Board would probably be made soon afterwards.

Yours

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