

PRIME MINISTER

WASTEFUL AND RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES

You asked whether the examples given of wasteful and restrictive practices in the NHS could be used in the House. As you will see from DoH's reply, the individual examples need to be used with caution. My conclusion is that the examples need to be anonymised and the references to districts omitted. For example, examples 3 and 13 could become

"Unnecessarily early admission and excessive delay in discharge".

Numbers 5 and 6 could become

"Work retained unnecessarily at consultant level resulting in inefficient use of facilities".

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It looks like force
if we reintroduce it later that
no

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