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NHS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

In addition to the information you have requested for today's question time, DHSS have promised to provide me with comparisons between best and worst districts on the number of measures by early next week:

- 1 Throughput per bed (standardised and by specialty)
- 2 Turnover interval (ie bed idle time)
- 3 Overall bed occupancy
- 4 Cost per acute case (standardised for case mix)
- 5 Day care as percentage of total operations
- 6 Ratio of non medical to medical costs
- 7 Some measure of resources used by districts with "good" and "bad" waiting list performance.

There will obviously be a number of caveats in relating these to managerial difficulties as opposed to local "environmental" differences - and it may not be wise to use them publically until DHSS have time to explore these. However, at least it will start a dialogue.

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