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REVIEW OF COMMUNITY CARE

Griffiths

I am wholly content with the arrangements proposed by the Secretary of State for Social Services for handling the publication of Sir Roy Griffiths' report. It raises quite a number of difficult issues and it would be quite wrong to commit ourselves to accepting the report in its entirety at this stage.

John Moore was kind enough to refer specifically to the implications of the report for the territorial departments. We have taken a number of separate initiatives in Wales in the field of community care, most notably in the field of care for those suffering from mental handicap; and I intend shortly to issue a consultative document about services for those suffering from mental illness. It may be, therefore, that we shall have to take some different factors into account in considering the possible applicability to Wales of the Griffiths recommendations - except of course in the field of social security which will clearly have to be approached on a uniform basis - and I think that it will accordingly be essential for my Department to be fully involved in the consideration of the report both at the Ministerial and official levels.

.... I am sending copies of this minute to John Moore, to other colleagues on E(A) and to Sir Robin Butler.

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