

PRIME MINISTER

NHS REVIEW: MEETING ON 24 MAY

I attach the papers for next Tuesday's meeting:

Flag A - the formal paper, John Moore's further elaboration of the approach to self-governing hospitals.

Flag B - Cabinet Office brief.

Flag C - comments by John O'Sullivan.

You will see that both Richard Wilson and John O'Sullivan raise a large number of queries and doubts about the DHSS paper. In the light of the discussion you will want to decide whether the work is proceeding along the right lines, and therefore to invite further more detailed papers; or, for example, to pick up the Cabinet Office suggestion asking Sir Roy Griffiths to prepare a paper. The present plan is for the meeting of the group on 6 June to discuss greater private sector involvement; but you will want to consider whether to move on to that item or have a further discussion of independent hospitals and statutory buyers.

I also attach at Flag D some further background reading assembled by John O'Sullivan. If you have time, it would certainly be worth glancing at his items 1 and 2 - but I am conscious you have a lot of other things in the Box!

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