

PRIME MINISTER

## NHS REVIEW: MEETING ON 14 SEPTEMBER

The papers below are:

**Flag A** Kenneth Clarke's latest paper. You saw this over the weekend, and were disappointed at its lack of detail.

**Flag B** Cabinet Office brief

**Flag C** Policy Unit brief

Both the Cabinet Office and Policy Unit notes point to a possible new option, which is only hinted at in Mr. Clarke's paper; namely allowing GP practices to take over responsibility for budgets as and when they felt willing and able to do so. If you are attracted to this approach it might be worth seeing whether broad agreement could be reached that this is a model to be worked in detail for the next meeting.

Both Kenneth Clarke's paper and the briefs make various references back to earlier papers. I have not troubled you with these in the folder, but will have them to hand tomorrow if you want them.

We had originally scheduled 1½ hours for this meeting, from 1000-1130. It is now to be followed by the meeting on the Training Commission; so if possible it would be desirable to end the NHS meeting by about 1115.

(PAUL GRAY)

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