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NHS REVIEW: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE NHS FOR SCOTLAND

Thank you for your letter of 19 January. I am content with your proposed amendment to paragraph 17 of your chapter of the draft white paper. I also agree that the new post should be at grade 3.

However, my agreement is without prejudice to my consideration of your proposals to retain in addition the existing two health grade 3 posts. I shall respond to that when my officials have seen the details.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor, Peter Walker, Tom King, David Mellor, Sir Roy Griffiths, Professor Griffiths and Mr Whitehead in the No. 10 Policy Unit and to Sir Robin Butler and Mr Wilson in the Cabinet Office.

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