

PRIME MINISTER

SIR ROY GRIFFITHS AND COMMUNITY CARE

Yesterday's meeting on community care made reasonable progress, and we are now planning a further meeting in a month's time to consider the extra work you commissioned.

You will recall that Sir Roy Griffiths had sent in before yesterday's meeting a rather pained minute. He was deliberately not invited to the meeting, because his presence would have further complicated a difficult set of issues. But I think he does need to be kept reasonably sweet - the last thing we want is for him publicly to disassociate himself from the Government's decisions when they are announced.

So I think that at some point you ought to see him. The options are:

(i) to see him after Easter before the next internal meeting;

(ii) to leave seeing him until after the next meeting.

I think the pros and cons are fairly evenly balanced but I gather that Ken Clarke would favour option (i). ✓

Do you prefer (i) or (ii)?

*Recd.*

PAUL GRAY

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