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Dear Paul

COMMUNITY CARE: MENTAL ILLNESS

At the last meeting of the Ministerial group my Secretary of State was asked to discuss the financial implications of his proposals for the mentally ill with the Chief Secretary and to report the outcome to the Group. Agreement has been reached that an announcement can be made on four of the proposed initiatives. The four initiatives are "Assessment and Continuing Care" (paragraph 8(a) of the paper), a "Code of Practice for admitting and treating patients compulsorily" (paragraph 8(c)), "Supporting parents and friends of the mentally ill" (paragraph 8(e)), and "Monitoring the quality of services" (paragraph 8(f)).

There are two outstanding proposed initiatives "Social work" (paragraph 8(b)) and "Finance from mental hospital sites" (paragraph 8(d)). On "Social work" my Secretary of State will be making some detailed proposals in due course. On "Finance" my Secretary of State intends to bring proposals to a future meeting of the Prime Minister's group following further discussion with the Chief Secretary.

Copies of this letter go to Roger Bright (Environment), Steve Williams (Welsh Office), David Crawley (Scottish Office), Stuart Lord (Social Security), Carys Evans (Treasury), Alan Davey (Minister for Health), Guy Howland (Sir Roy Griffiths' office), Trevor Woolley and Richard Wilson (Cabinet Office) and Professor Griffiths and Ian Whitehead (No 10).

*Yours
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