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cc. Sir Robin Butler  
Mr Monger or  
Mr Wells

## MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NHS IN SCOTLAND

1. You asked for comments on the letter of 19 June from the Secretary of State for Scotland's private office, answering the Prime Minister's questions about the central management of the NHS in Scotland.
2. The letter is drafted with care but responds in a positive tone on all the points. I suggest that rather than press them further on the detail, which could be a fruitless exercise at the moment, it would be better to reiterate the main points which concern the Prime Minister and ask for a progress report in three months' time. This is the same approach as has been adopted for the NHS in England.
3. I attach a possible draft for your signature.

RTJ

R T J WILSON  
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## DRAFT LETTER FROM PAUL GRAY TO DAVID CRAWLEY

The Prime Minister has seen your letter of 19 June.

She is grateful for your Secretary of State's assurance that there will be effective management arrangements for the NHS in Scotland with clear lines of responsibility. She notes that the Chief Executive will be given a statement of responsibilities which will set out his specific powers, *— which the contents will be made public* and that these will include the power to make his own senior appointments subject to clearance in the most senior cases and to decide the performance pay of individual general managers. She would be interested to see the statement when it is available together with the proposed membership of the Management Executive Group.

As with the NHS in England she would be grateful for a progress report in three months' time.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the private secretaries to the Secretary of State for Health, the Secretary of State for Wales, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Chief Secretary, the Deputy Chairman of the NHS Management Board, and to Sir Robin Butler and Richard Wilson (Cabinet Office).

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