

MISS SLOCOCK

PROGRESS WITH THE NHS REFORMS

I suggest the Prime Minister should have in her weekend box on 1 September the background papers for her bilateral talk with Kenneth Clarke currently scheduled for 5 September. I attach a folder for this purpose. Could I ask you please to check on 1 September that there is nothing further that ought to be added, and then put the papers in the box for me?

On a separate point, Kenneth Clarke's office today asked me whether it would be possible to postpone the 5 September meeting until a bit later that week. I said that would be difficult given other commitments, but we would consider whether anything could be done. Could you and Amanda consider this please? Even if the meeting could not be on a later day during that week, it might help Kenneth Clarke if it could be made later on 5 September than the 09.30 slot currently scheduled - apparently that is the first morning he will be back in the office.

*PCG.*

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