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Dear Andy

NHS REFORMS AND IT SYSTEMS

Following last week's discussion on NHS reforms, it was agreed that your Secretary of State would provide a presentation of his proposals for implementing the NHS reforms within the next few weeks. This would provide an opportunity to see whether your Secretary of State's proposals, and the ideas of the Chief Secretary, could be brought more into line.

The Prime Minister has noted that recent articles (I attach a copy of one example) continue to cast doubt on the ability of the Health Service to cope with the IT reforms that need to accompany the introduction of the new contracting system. She would be grateful if this aspect could be covered in the presentation now under preparation.

I am copying this letter to Carys Evans (Chief Secretary's Office).

Yours, Barry

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