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Dear Barry,

**PRESENTATION OF NHS REFORMS**

At the Presentation yesterday a number of questions were raised about practical details of how the NHS Reforms will be implemented at the local level. These included the number of contracts which might be required in London teaching hospitals drawing their patients from a wide catchment areas; and arrangements for General Practitioners to refer patients to hospitals with which their health authority does not have a contract. There was insufficient time at the meeting for a full response on all these questions. The Secretary of State will therefore shortly provide a paper responding fully to these and the other outstanding issues (which no doubt will be recorded in the note of the meeting).

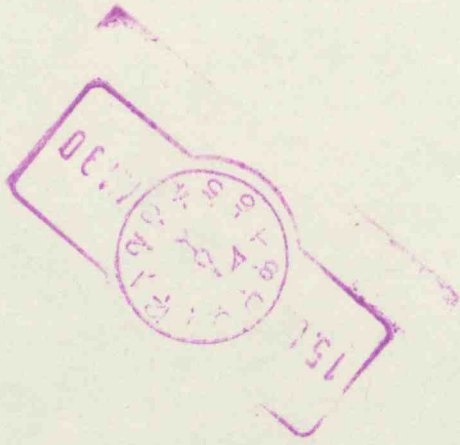
The practical issues of contracting were clearly the principal concern at the meeting. A great deal of work has been done in this Department and in the NHS over the last 18 months on this and the Secretary of State feels it could also be helpful to let you have some of the background papers and detailed guidance to the NHS.

I hope you will find this helpful; if there is any additional material you would like, please let me know.

Yours

Helen Stibbey-Quirk

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Principal Private Secretary



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