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#### NHS REFORMS

As you know, following the meeting between the Prime Minister and Kenneth Clarke it was agreed that:

- (i) the Prime Minister would see Sir Roy Griffiths;
- (ii) Sir Robin Ibbs would be invited to join the NHS Policy Board.

I have spoken on a number of occasions to Andy McKeon (Department of Health) about the logistics. We have agreed the following.

- (i) Kenneth Clarke will see Sir Roy Griffiths before the Community Care announcement in Parliament on 19 July.
- (ii) The NHS Policy Board meets again on 26 July. Before that, DoH will make arrangements either to ask Kenneth Durham to resign from the Policy Board (and thus be replaced by Robin Ibbs), or to add Sir Robin Ibbs to the Board.

Accordingly, we need a slot in the Prime Minister's diary for her to see Sir Roy Griffiths. I have asked the Diary Secretary to arrange this some time in the week beginning 30 July.

However, the Department of Health need to know fairly soon whether Sir Robin Ibbs is willing to join the NHS Policy Board. We agreed someone should ring him. I am sure it would be better if the telephone call came from the Principal Private Secretary. Any time within the next few days would be fine.

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