

Prime Minister,
Agree Policy Unit Comments?

Duty Clerk
pp AT 1/3.

Yes me

MR TURNBULL

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NHS SUPERVISORY BOARD FOR SCOTLAND

George Younger wants to set up a Health Service Policy Board under John Mackay to strengthen Health Service management in Scotland. Unlike the formula which Roy Griffiths devised for England, there is no distinction between political supervision and executive management. But given the narrower Scottish scene, there is probably no point in trying, elaborately, to make such a distinction.

He envisages a Board consisting of politicians and Health Service bureaucrats. It is worth urging him to consider bringing in fresh blood from the private sector.

✓ I recommend that the Prime Minister agrees to George Younger's proposal but suggest he considers looking to the private sector to strengthen the Board's managerial teeth.

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