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Thank you very much indeed for your letter dated 16th May 1984, concerning St. George's. I quite understand that you cannot intervene in the negotiations between ourselves and the DHSS, but now that we appear to be gradually drawing together I feel a conclusion to this all too lengthy dialogue is on the horizon. Myself and my colleagues are very grateful to you for your understanding and interest in this matter. Incidentally we had no pre-warning of the questions put down in the House last Thursday from Messrs.

Cox and Dubs.

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Finally, on NSPCC matters, I would like to reiterate my very grateful thanks to you for your endeavours on our behalf. Firstly for the Government grant that you announced at the AGM and secondly for your Dinner which we are holding shortly, from which we anticipate to make £750,000 - £lm. It goes without saying that it is only with these shots in the arm that our task will become possible and all of us on the Industrial Committee are grateful for your unprecedented support, which we sincerely feel it to be.

With my renewed thanks and best wishes.

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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher PC MP The Prime Minister 10 Downing Street LONDON. NATIONAL HEALTH: SE George's Hospital - hadantin HANSARD EXTRACT Thursday 17 May written Answers: Col. 250.

St. George's Hospital Hyde Park Corner

Mr. Tom Cox asked the Secretary of State for Social Services what is the present position as to the sale of St. George's hospital, Hyde park corner; and if he will make a statement.

Mr. Kenneth Clarke: I refer the hon. Member to my reply to my hon. Friend the Member for Mid-Staffordshire (Mr. Heddle) on 15 February at column 231.

Negotiations are continuing, and I will make a statement when agreement is reached.

Mr. Dubs asked the Secretary of State for Social Services how long St. George's hospital at Hyde park corner has been closed; what plans he has to dispose of the building; and what is his estimate of its likely value.

Mr. Kenneth Clarke: The premises at Hyde park corner closed in 1980 when the hospital moved to Tooting. In 1982, approximately half of the site was sold to the Grosvenor estate for £23,700 under its right of preemption. We are at present negotiating for a possible disposal of the remainder of the site to the Grosvenor estate which holds a planning consent for the development of the whole site. The value of the site is the main subject of the negotiations and our aim is to reach agreement on its full market value.