

NOT TPM

1. CF to see

2. DW. fine thanks.

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MR NORGROVE

NHS WAITING LISTS

You wrote to DHSS on 4 February following up your earlier letter, and asking for a report on the outcome of their Seminar on waiting lists. The Prime Minister subsequently had a meeting on Value for Money in the Health Service which included a brief discussion of waiting lists recorded in Nigel Wicks' letter of 14 February. The DHSS have asked me whether the Prime Minister's meeting adequately met the remit in your letter.

I told them that, subject to your views, there was no point in writing at the moment merely to repeat what had been said at the meeting with the Prime Minister. But they should report back when Norman Fowler had a clear programme of action. I suggest, therefore, that we start chasing them again immediately after the Easter break.

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