

MR. NORGROVE

**Dinner for Regional Health Authority Chairmen
Thursday, 25 September**

Please see the attached letter from DHSS of 31 July.

We have sent invitations to all those listed in pars 2 and 3
of Tony Laurance's letter.

DHSS are awaiting your comments on four broad agenda topics -
para. 4.

No. 10 Representation

Could you please let us know the No. 10 representatives.
Maximum number is 32.

Sue Goodchild

18 August 1986



Mr. Fletcher G15?

The numbers are OK.
32 is absolute maximum

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From the Secretary of State for Social Services

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31/8

31 July 1986

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return.

Dear David,

DINNER FOR REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CHAIRMEN

Further to my letter of 18 July, I am writing with suggestions for the agenda and attendance from the Department.

The arrangements you propose for the dinner are very acceptable. We would like to suggest that, in addition to RHA Chairmen, it would be a good idea to invite Mr Brian Edwards, the Regional General Manager of Trent, who is the Chairman of the group of RGMs and who is known to the Policy Unit.

So far as DHSS representation is concerned, my Secretary of State would like you to invite the four Health Ministers, ^{Acting Chairman} Sir Kenneth Stowe, Sir Donald Acheson, Mr Len Peach and ^{Management Board} Miss Romola Christopherson (our new Director of Information).

We agree that it would be helpful to focus the discussion by identifying four broad agenda topics. Our suggestions are as follows.

First, the capital programme and estate management.

Second, improving management and efficiency.

Third, personnel and manpower.

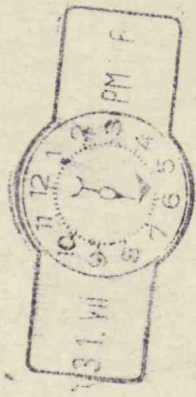
Fourth, the patient as customer.

If this is broadly acceptable, we would ask a Regional Chairman to speak for perhaps three or four minutes to introduce each topic: we would also like to provide the Prime Minister with some short background material before the dinner.

Yours

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Private Secretary

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LIST OF GUESTS ATTENDING THE DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY THE
PRIME MINISTER FOR REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CHAIRMEN ON THURSDAY
25 SEPTEMBER 1986

The Prime Minister	
Professor B.E. Tomlinson	Northern Regional Health Authority
Mr. Bryan Askey	Yorkshire Regional Health Authority
Sir Michael Carlisle	Trent Regional Health Authority
Sir Arthur South	East Anglian Regional Health Authority
Mr. W.R. Doughty	North West Thames Regional Health Authority
Mr. David Berriman	North East Thames Regional Health Authority
Sir Antony Driver	South West Thames Regional Health Authority
?Sir Peter Baldwin	South East Thames Regional Health Authority
Professor Sir Bryan Thwaites	Wessex Regional Health Authority
Sir Gordon Roberts	Oxford Regional Health Authority
Mr. W.V.S. Seccombe	South Western Regional Health Authority
Mr. J.G. Ackers	West Midlands Regional Health Authority
Mr. R.D. Wilson	Mersey Regional Health Authority
Sir John Page	North Western Regional Health Authority
Mr. Brian Edwards	General Manager, Trent Regional Health Authority
Rt. Hon. Norman Fowler, MP	
Rt. Hon. Barney Hayhoe, MP	
?Mr. Ray Whitney, MP	
The Baroness Trumpington	
Sir Kenneth Stowe	
Sir Donald Acheson	
Mr. Len Peach	

Mr. Len Peach

~~Miss Romola Christopherson~~ (Director)

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

15 July 1986

DINNER FOR REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CHAIRMEN

As you know, the Prime Minister has decided to invite the Regional Health Authority Chairmen to dinner on Thursday 25 September. You told me they are coming to the Department for a meeting tomorrow and that this invitation would be mentioned to them then. I should be grateful for a list of their names and addresses so that we can issue the formal invitations.

I expect that up to a maximum of 6 people will attend from No 10, including the Prime Minister, though the number is more likely to be 4. I should be grateful to know your suggestions for the people to attend from the Department.

The usual form on these occasions is for discussion of business to come with the coffee, and it might last for an hour or so. One possibility would be to choose 3 or 4 subjects, each to be introduced by one of the Chairmen. I should be grateful for advice on this to put to the Prime Minister and also for suggestions on subjects for discussion.

DAVID NORRGROVE

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