

PRIME MINISTER

DINNER FOR REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CHAIRMEN

You agreed to give dinner to the Regional Health Authority Chairmen on 25 September.

The DHSS have proposed the guestlist set out on the attached sheet. (Mr. Brian Edwards, the Regional General Manager of Trent, would be invited as Chairman of the group of Regional General Managers.)

From No.10 I suggest Brian Griffiths, Nigel Wicks and myself. David Willetts is I am afraid away on a study tour in the United States.

Mr. Fowler has suggested four broad items for discussion:

- (i) ~~the patient as customer;~~ *reducing waiting lists and waiting times.*
- (ii) ~~the capital programme and estate management;~~ *common desktop products for hospital employment*
- (iii) improving management and efficiency;
- (iv) personnel and manpower. *including decision making structures.*

(v) *You make it with DHSS - our with R.H.A.*

(The DHSS letter to me proposed that "the patient as customer" should come fourth in this list!) A regional Chairman would speak for perhaps three or four minutes to introduce each topic. The topics seem to me to cover the ground, and to give an opportunity to raise with the Regional Chairmen the concerns you have expressed to Mr. Fowler and others in the past.

DHSS and the Policy Unit will be providing briefing.

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No -

a pity David Willetts not here

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David Norgrove

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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
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

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