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CODES OF CONDUCT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

You may recall that I wrote to you on 13 January to advise you of the publication of the consultation document "Codes of Conduct and Accountability" which I issued to chairmen of NHS boards in England and to a wide range of bodies associated with the NHS.

I have today sent to NHS chairmen the final form of the Code of Conduct and Code of Accountability for NHS boards. I enclose a copy for your information.

In my letter to NHS chairmen, I have asked for these new arrangements to be implemented as soon as possible. The codes are being supplemented by good practice guidance from the NHS Executive which, in respect of audit and remuneration and terms of service committees, draw in good part on the Code of Best Practice produced by your own committee on corporate governance.

I am copying this letter, and the attached codes, to interested colleagues in Government, a wide range of NHS bodies and NHS associated bodies, the CBI, the Institute of Directors, PRO-NED, British Institute of Management, CIPFA, the Institute of Chartered Accountants, England and Wales, the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and the Business Schools in Leeds, London and Warwick.

Thank you for your great help on all this -

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