

**CRAWLEY CONSTITUENCY LABOUR PARTY
POLITICAL DISCUSSION MEETING 10 JANUARY 2002**

RESPONSES TO THE WANLESS REPORT

1. Increase taxation.
2. Increase % GDP spend on NHS to match or exceed our main European partners' average spend.
3. Remove ceiling on N.I. contributions.
4. Implement hypocratic tax system for NHS funding.
5. Invest more in preventive healthcare.
6. Invest more in state-run nursing homes offering cheaper and more appropriate facilities and care for the elderly with non-critical medical needs, thereby freeing up beds in the NHS hospitals.
7. Similarly invest in state-run convalescent homes offering cheaper and more appropriate facilities and care to non-critically ill post-operation patients.
8. Continue to improve co-ordination and synergy between NHS and Social Services, with the latter focusing on funding both preventive and after-care measures.
9. Social Services need to be restructured to focus on preventive healthcare.
10. The role of carers to be better recognised and properly resourced.
11. Increase education budget to promote appropriate healthcare education.
12. The nation to invest further in the social infrastructure relieving poverty and poor housing conditions.
13. Local Trust management to be made more accountable and remunerated on performance.
14. No private treatments in NHS facilities.
15. GPs and surgeons to be salaried and employed exclusively by the NHS.
16. Better co-operation and synergy between GPs and hospitals with unified computerised patient records readily accessible on line.
17. GPs to be relieved of non-medical responsibilities with, for instance, dietary and exercise remedies being prescribed by more appropriately qualified staff funded by local authorities.
18. More consultation between policy makers and front-line staff.
19. Improve culture and climate to encourage personnel into the health service.
20. Private medical providers to increase their share of funding the training of nurses. Grants to be universally made available to all training to be nurses, irrespective of their need or ability to go on to university.