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Letter to all NHS CE's

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Dear Colleague

**NHS Chief Executives' Conference
22 March 2005, QEII Conference Centre, London
Gateway ref 4369**

I hope you will be able to join me for our next Chief Executives' Conference on 22 March. This is at the QEII, running from 10.30 – 4pm.

Either to register for the conference or to give your apologies please control click or copy and paste the following link into your browser and complete the registration form online. The form also includes a link to travel information and map, as well as including the contact details of the Conference Organisers.

<http://www.innovision.uk.com/chiefexecsconf05/>

This particular Conference will be for NHS CE's only given the range of issues of special relevance to you as a group at the moment and the big opportunity we have to keep healthcare at the forefront of public service reform.

As usual, I will invite some of my senior Departmental colleagues to join us to contribute to the discussion. Separately I will be speaking at the ADSS Spring Seminar in April where I will have more time for an in depth discussion with social care leaders about their issues. My plan is to bring health and social care together again with clinical leaders in the autumn.

The theme of this Conference is '**Positioning for Future Success**'.

I will finalise the Conference programme following my meetings with PCT CE's in the next couple of weeks. My sense is that we need to spend time on:

- what the big new ideas in health will mean in practice – for what we do and how we lead
- the practical issues you have raised about how the new incentives in the system will work

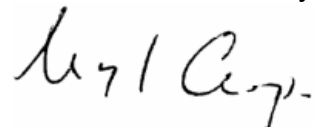
- how we work as a leadership community and how we support each other.

The Secretary of State is scheduled to join us in the afternoon and we will receive a report from the Independent Panel on progress on the race equality action plan. Ian Watmore, the Head of the E-Government Unit and former MD of Accenture will also join us to discuss the relationships between the public and private sector.

Thank you for the e-mails and feedback I have had already in response to my meetings. I have been very struck by the importance you attach to being part of a shared enterprise and the responsibility we have to each other to build on our many successes.

Let's see this Conference as another critical step on our journey to move the NHS even closer to world class performance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Crisp', written in a cursive style.

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