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*Working for Patients* continues to dominate many parts of the journal, and would as much thought had gone into the original proposals as into the commentaries on the sketchy half baked ideas in the white paper. Thus the Joint Consultants Committee is concerned about the effects on education and research (p 895), the Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services about the possible lack of some services in some districts (p 894), and Yorkshire managers about the problems of buying and selling services (p 882). At least two letters to the editor counsel positive thinking,

but others point to a world that may be well lost, and there is a trenchant attack on the Royal College of General Practitioners (p 888). Against all this it is inspiring to read of steady progress achieved by doctors themselves—of a helpful information booklet for patients leaving hospital (p 870) and of saving £35 000 for every 500 cardiac catheterisations done in outpatients (p 875)—and of a student elective spent in obstetrics in Pakistan (p 877). Finally, for those who have to index the journal, don't forget the date this issue is published on.