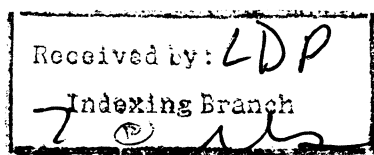


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defined population registered with the NHS. It was recently used to identify vulnerable groups in the west of Scotland when the public water supply had to be cut off (p 607) and is clearly an initiative that other parts of Britain could learn from. And we end with an oncologist's puzzlement that the same patients who argue vigorously with him about his proposed treatment accept, apparently meekly, "extraordinary advice" from alternative practitioners (p 613).