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The eagle eyed will notice various small changes in this week's journal, one of which is the addition of a headline to this column. The changes are being introduced in response to feedback from readers and are designed to make the journal still more accessible. The headline aims at capturing floating readers with trigger words. Sex and money (which are not mentioned hereafter) are trigger words for almost everybody; from experience Mozart is a trigger word for many *BMJ* readers; and Macclesfield is a trigger word for almost nobody except those who either live in the town or have had an exciting experience while visiting it.

As well as trigger words there are also what might be called antittrigger words—and foremost among these is the word politics. Those suffering the excesses of the British election will understand why, but we have tried to winkle out of the competing parties what their policies are for health (p 895). Jack Warden writes about the extraordinary episode—now known to some

as "grommetgate"—which occupied centre stage for two whole days of the election last week (p 866), and we also report on the BMA's special representative meeting, which took place in the midst of the loudest election clamour yet over health (pp 862 and 920). Meanwhile, a group from the King's Fund Institute shows that public dissatisfaction with the NHS probably peaked in 1990 (p 892) and Sharon Kingman begins our series following up developments in the four NHS sites we first surveyed a year ago, when the changes were introduced (p 907). Generally, things seem to be going well in the Freeman Hospital, which has just finished its first year as an NHS trust.

Finally, one series ends and another begins. The last article on medicine in Europe is published (p 899), and Chris Ham and Philip Berman write an editorial on the many changes that will result from the inclusion of a chapter on public health in the Treaty of Rome (p 855). The new series is an ABC of colorectal disease (p 904), and it too includes some new designs.

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