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Today the Opposition are attempting to undermine the service.

#### **Evaluating the Reform of the NHS**

I was not surprised when the noble Lord said that medical researchers want more funds. It would be a mistake to judge it as no more than a ragbag of wrong-headed impractical proposals, full of glaring omissions. In 1987, on the basis of the allocation allowed by Government to shorten waiting lists, the Pontefract area health authority decided on a scheme to cover 500 operations at Pontefract general infirmary.

### Government used crisis to increase privatisation

It is overwhelmingly oriented to a medical service and it virtually ignores the need for an integrated system of community care.

#### The 2012 NHS White Paper

Ideological boundaries or institutional barriers should not stand in the way of better care for NHS patients.

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But, what does that mean? The objectives of the Government in producing their White Paper are admirable in the sense that they have the courage to recognise the necessity for getting the health service on to an evolutionary path. When he goes round hospitals I wonder whom he talks to. Centres of excellence will destroy the aim of universal provision of health care and the concept of a community-based comprehensive Health Service.

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It has been said before, but I emphasise again, that self-governing hospitals will not be opting out of the National Health Service.

### Agenda item

The company can also call upon Phyllis Shelton, who jumped ship from the Department of Health, where she worked as the lead for measurement on the integrated care organisation programme. The decision has been taken by non-elected Tories with no consultation whatsoever with the public. I believe that the public support us very strongly, and we now look to health authorities to implement that support in practice throughout the country.

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