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Dear Professor Wood

Different important points were raised at the recent Society of Community Medicine conference. It was unfortunate however, that the time available to discuss matters ran out as it did.

In particular the comments you made concerning consumer-directed services, and potential inequalities of service provision, are issues upon which members of the Disability Forum are paying constant attention.

It may therefore be appropriate at this point for members of the Disability Forum to meet with yourself, and possibly colleagues in your unit, in order to discuss such issues and move beyond any potential mutual misunderstandings.

I will accordingly look forward to receiving a reply from you as to whether such a meeting may take place in the near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "M. Field".

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Dear Martin Field

Thank you for your letter of 8 October. I am quite sure there are very serious potential misunderstandings, but the Society of Community Medicine symposium scarcely provides a suitable forum for the pursuit of such issues. I went straight from that meeting on to one in Stockholm to discuss related issues. Mary Croxon John was at the latter, and I was made aware yet again of the misunderstandings, which the frequent degeneration into polemic and boo words certainly doesn't help to resolve.

I should welcome the opportunity to learn more of your activities, and to discuss these issues further. In view of what I have just said, I suspect a small and informal meeting would be the most profitable at this stage. Should you want it to develop into something larger at a later date, then we could discuss what format might be most appropriate. The two colleagues with whom I work most closely on these problems are Dr Elizabeth Badley and Gareth Williams, and I am sure they would wish to participate in any talks we have.

The problem is that I am persecuted by a diary that seems to resemble too much the widow's cruse of oil. Would you like to phone my secretary (only because you can be assured of finding her at the above number) and fix a suitable time. Where would you like to meet? You would be welcome to come to my office in the Medical School (there is a ramp in the courtyard just behind the front of the building, adjacent to Holy Name). Alternatively, we would be very happy to come wherever you may suggest.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Phillip H.N. Wood

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