Lord Philip Hunt of Kings Health OBE was appointed Minister of State for Quality at the Department of Health in January 2007 in succession to Lord Warner who retired from the Government at the end of last year. He will also speak for the Government on health matters in the House of Lords.

He previously worked at the Department as a Parliamenta- ry Under Secretary of State between 1999 and 2005. In that capacity he was responsible for dentistry and gained the respect of many in the profession for the support he gave on issues of concern to dentists. Lord Hunt was appointed a life peer in July 1997, and in 1998 became a Government Whip and spokesperson in the House of Lords on Education, Employment and Health. He resigned from the Government of the invasion of Iraq.

Lord Hunt’s NHS career began in 1972 when he joined the Oxford Regional Hospital Board as a works study officer, moving to Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre as hospital administrator in 1974. He was the first Chief Executive of the NHS Confederation, and was also the Director of the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts (NAHA) on its formation in 1990. Prior to that he was Director of its predecessor organisation, the National Association of...