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Munchausen's Syndrome

Mr. Morgan: To ask the Secretary of State for Health, pursuant to her answer of 22 November, Official Report, column 87, if she will list those hospitals (a) where research projects are in progress into the effectiveness of covert video surveillance in cases of suspected Munchausen's syndrome by proxy and (b) where the same technique is in use but not as part of a research project.

Mr. Bowis: The research covers all methods used by paediatricians in identifying suspected Munchausen's syndrome by proxy. The only hospital using covert video surveillance of which we are aware is the North Staffordshire hospital centre.