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OHE Lunchtime Seminar

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Is hypothecation the way to raise the money for the "multi-year" funding settlement that the NHS has been promised?

Discussant: Professor Adrian Towse, Director of OHE

25 July 2018 12:00-2:00pm

Marlborough Suite, St Ermin's Hotel 2 Caxton St, London, SW1H 0QW

A buffet lunch will be available from 12:00 noon. The seminar will start promptly at 12:30 pm and finish promptly at 2:00 pm.

Theresa May, the prime minister, has promised a five-year settlement for NHS services average 3.4 per cent in real terms. But she has yet to spell out how the money for that will be raised.

In recent months, there has been a growing lobby, some of it coming from unlikely quarters, in favour of an earmarked tax for the NHS – a hypothecated tax. But is this a good idea? This seminar will look at the pros and cons – and come to a conclusion.

Nicholas Timmins is a senior fellow at the King's Fund and the Institute for Government. He is also a Visiting Professor in Social Policy at the London School of Economics. He was previously public policy editor at the *Financial Times*. Nicholas is also author of the award-winning *The Five Giants: A Biography of the Welfare State* which tells its story from William Beveridge times to the modern day.

Adrian Towse, Director of OHE and Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics will be the discussant. Adrian will respond to Nick's presentation and open the discussion.

If you would like to attend this seminar, please reply to <u>ohegeneral@ohe.org</u>.

If you are unable to attend but think that a colleague might like to, please pass on this letter to them.

Yours faithfully

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