

Dear Archbishop John

**Whatever happened to Medicine's mojo? An initial conversation**

A few weeks ago, in York, you spoke to a meeting of Doctors for the NHS. You were generously spirited and phrased in your portrayal of what our Welfare care of one another's vulnerabilities should be: your audience was clearly warmed and encouraged.

At the end of this meeting I had the opportunity to talk with you for a few minutes,\* when I shared with you my long-considered view: that most veteran doctors heartily agree with you, but have found that their wishes and efforts have been increasingly stymied by the nature and bulk of many years of successive NHS reforms.

You seemed very interested in my analysis of this institutional stymying, but the conference's other demands of you necessarily foreshortened our conversation. The beginnings of that conversation, however, then grew in my mind which I have now organised into an article *Whatever Happened to Medicine's Mojo?*

Obviously I'd like you to read this, and welcome your thoughts and further dialogue.

With best wishes, and thanks for your wide social interest.

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\*There were many 'new' people for you at the conference and you will, of course, have met many since. I attach a picture of me that may help your recall.



**Attachment**

*Whatever Happened to Medicine's Mojo?*