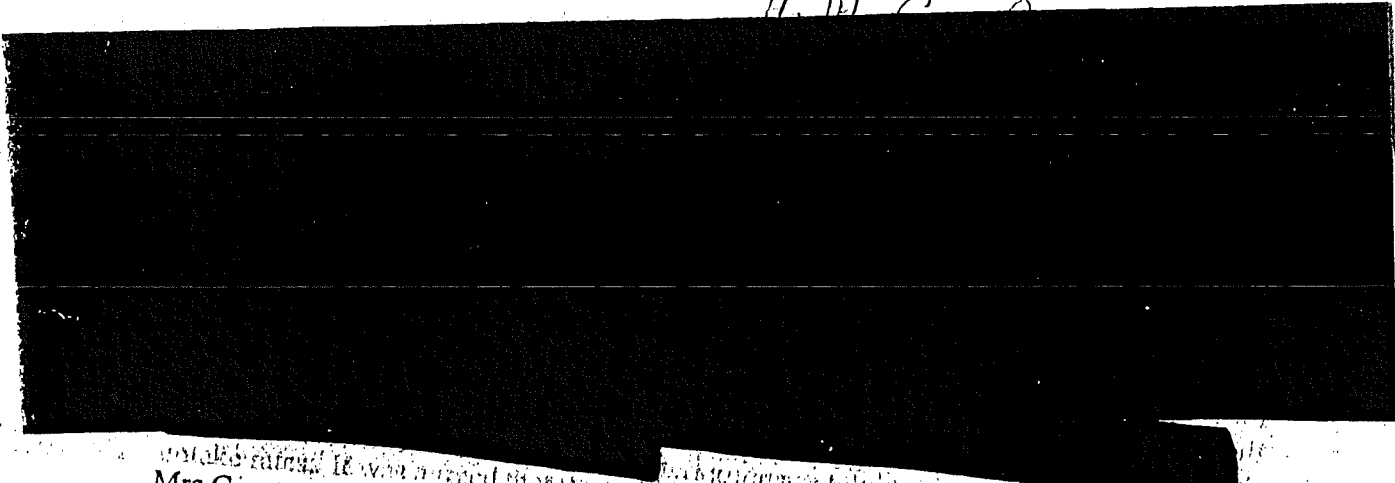


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Mrs Grant enquired if Trusts were required to routinely report on adverse incidents which occurred in hospitals. Dr McConnell explained that because of the lengthy period that could elapse between the occurrence of an actual incident and a claim for clinical negligence being submitted, Trusts are encouraged to develop systems of critical incident reporting. This would involve relevant staff writing up contemporaneous reports about an incident which they felt might at some point in the future give rise to an allegation of negligence.

