

You are Dr. Michael Snurge, the General Manager of a large hospital. These are your thoughts as you drive to work in your large BMW.

“Great. It's still only Tuesday. I've got so much to do, and I love this job. I'd like to use that spare money to get one of those MRI scanner things. Jerry at Bristol's got one, so I want one. Still, could be a bit of a squeeze fitting it into the X-ray department. It's likely that their performance will get worse, and that could cost me quite a lot. Maybe I should just play safe and get a new ward. Maternity or geriatrics or something. No, hang on, childrens, that always goes down well in the papers. I wonder why my wife's gone off sex recently? Maybe I should get her some flowers on the way home. Or give her some more housekeeping money. Maybe if I used those funds to pay all the hospital staff more they'd all work harder? I'd certainly be popular. But not with the consultants unless I pay them more than the others. And that would probably mean bad PR in the papers "Hospital consultants earning 60k while nurses children wear shoes with holes..." Oh dear. The consultants are the ones that keep me in my job though; it'd probably be better to risk the papers and pay the consultants a load. But then there's the unions - they might not allow it if the consultants were getting a lot more. God I hate that Ken Luddy. If he stepped out in front of me on this zebra crossing I could... Or maybe if he was in the pub while I was playing darts I could accidentally get him right in the chest...I know! I could get a new prestige heart surgery ward, and then the consultants would love it and the unions couldn't complain either. I reckon I'm in with a chance with that new secretary. Drawn to me like a magnet she is. Hmmm. I still want to get one of those MRI things. What if I put it in a portakabin in the car park? There might be a fuss about parking spaces, but it's all in the interests of better patient care. Yes, that could work. Especially as the heart surgery thing might not work out - they often are more expensive than you expect, and if it was losing money and we had to close it that would be disastrous. I'd probably lose my job. I must get that electric window fixed. Oh look, we're here.”

Please help Snurge organise his thoughts and make the right decision...

