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Alan Johnson, centre, talks to Cullompton GP, Dr Michael Dixon, right, while Dr Juliet Nelson looks on.

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HEALTH secretary Alan Johnson chose Devon to launch the Government's health week this month.
The minister, who was joined by Exeter MP and fellow health minister Ben Bradshaw, visited a GP surgery in Exeter and Cullompton ahead of the local elections on May 1.
Both MPs also found time to pop into the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, where they were shown around the recently expanded endoscopy unit.
During the visit to the city's South Lawn Medical Practice Mr Johnson discussed plans to introduce new polyclinics in the country and change practice opening hours to

meet patient needs.
"People lead busy lives with work and [we have] an increasingly busy society," he told waiting reporters.
"This is about greater access."
In the afternoon, on a private visit, the ministers were shown around the newly-opened Culm Valley Integrated Health Centre.
He was greeted by Cullompton GP and NHS Alliance chairman Dr Michael Dixon, Dr Andy Smith and the trust's director of health and social care delivery, Sally Slade.
Mr Johnson also chatted to trust staff about the new centre.
Doreen Moon, district nurse

team leader, Culm Valley locality, said: "It was great to meet Alan Johnson and to put forward a view from the community team."
It is the first time that health services have come together under one roof in the town.
The centre features an organic garden, health food café and pharmacy and is in the vanguard of the move to provide a range of health services in a one-stop shop.
Trust hospitals and services have had their fare share of high-profile health figures in recent months.
Lord Darzi, who is leading the NHS review, together with NHS chief executive David Nicholson visited

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