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Met boss took £12,000 freebie

David Leppard

BRITAIN'S top policeman has accepted up to £12,000 in luxury hospitality from one of the country's leading health spas.

The Metropolitan police commissioner, Sir Paul Stephenson, and his wife spent 20 nights with full board at Champneys in Tring, Hertfordshire, as he was recuperating from hospital treatment earlier this year.

The revelation is especially embarrassing because the Champneys PR representative was Neil Wallis, a key suspect in the Met's phone-hacking inquiry. He was arrested last Thursday.

Wallis, a former deputy editor of the News of the World known as the "Wolfman", has also worked for the Met as Stephenson's PR adviser.

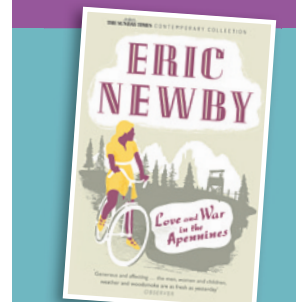
In a statement to The Sunday Times last night, the Met said the accommodation and other costs for Stephenson, 57, and his wife, were covered by the hotel.

"Following his operations, the commissioner stayed with his wife, at Champneys Medical from Monday to Friday over a period of five weeks earlier this year where he underwent an extensive programme of hydro- and physiotherapy. This enabled him to return to work six weeks earlier than anticipated.

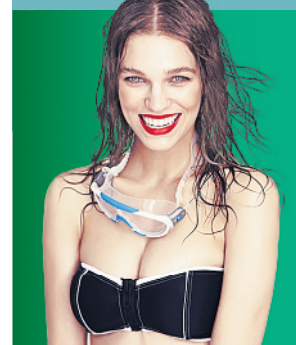
As with many officers, the Met paid the intensive physiotherapy costs. The accommodation and meals were arranged and provided by Stephen Purdew, MD of Champneys, a personal family friend.



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Cracks in China's one-child policy

Michael Sheridan Far East Correspondent

THE province that borders Hong Kong is set to become the first part of China to end the one-child policy that has dominated people's lives for 30 years.



Tom Daley, 17, jokes with a fellow diver during training at the Fina swimming world championships in Shanghai as he prepares for the 10-metre synchronised event

Brown baffles police over Sunday Times

Mark Hookham

GORDON BROWN, the former prime minister, has taken the extraordinary step of calling in the police simply because The Sunday Times wrote him a letter.

The letter questioned the accuracy of Brown's claim that this newspaper had hired "known criminals" to target the "completely defenceless".

Instead of responding to the questions, Brown said he would hand the letter to police. It is not clear why he did so — the letter contained nothing incriminating.

The secret to a longer life may lie in... dog food

Jonathan Leake Science Editor

SCIENTISTS claim they may have cracked the secret to a longer life — but do not make any plans for an exotic retirement just yet.

THE ageing process is thought to be governed by telomeres: sections of DNA that appear to shorten steadily over a lifetime.

Bill Andrews of Sierra Sciences, the Nevada firm behind the research, will present his findings to a conference in Cambridge next month.

When produced by cells, this reverses the shortening of telomeres and, in theory, might help slow ageing.

great medical advance," he said. "The substances we have found can achieve this but we have to be cautious and there is no chance of getting medical approval for human use for some years."

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