

## **Corrections to ‘Eye of Newt and Toe of Frog: A Good Formula for Health?’ and to PCTgrapher.xls**

The 2003/4 target indices for Hillingdon PCT and East Devon PCT on page 10 of the Eye of Newt piece were in error. The correct values are 0.96 and 1.00, respectively. The errors were in the MINITAB macro that processed the Department of Health data for the now-corrected graphs generated by the enabled macro in Excel file PCTgrapher.xls (in Research Report 267 at [www.ucl.ac.uk/stats/research](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/stats/research)).

I apologise to anyone who responded to my letter to the Guardian advertising the PCT graphics file by downloading, saving and opening the file in the days before it was corrected.

Users of this graphical aid to understanding how the PCT funding formula has been constructed to do what it does (creating deficits for some PCTs, wasteful surpluses for others?) can now be confident that the graphs are correct — even ‘politically correct’. The final target indices agree with the Department of Health calculations to three decimal places.

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