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Consultants paid £3,000 a day to help the police

Private consultants brought in to help improve the police were paid a £3,000 a day.

Peter Neyroud, the chief executive of the National Police Improvement Agency, said the agency had inherited the "shocking over-reliance" on consultants when it was set up in 2007. It spent £27 million on the consultants in its first year of operation, but Mr Neyroud said that has now been cut to less than £20 million.

Efficiency doubts
There are "question marks" hanging over savings claims made by two government departments, the National Audit Office said yesterday. Up to 34 per cent of reported savings by the Department for Transport may have been "overstated", while there were "concerns" over 17 per cent of Home Office savings.

BMA student worry
Medical schools are not recruiting enough students from low-income families, a report by the British Medical Association has concluded. It said just one in seven medical students was from the lowest economic backgrounds.

Savers losing out
Most higher rate taxpayers will not see any return on their savings, researchers have found. With the Consumer Prices Index rising to 1.2 per cent, just nine out of 10 savers see no return on their savings accounts, the study found.

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