

# What to watch



Tough decisions: the staff of St Mary's Hospital, Paddington

## Hospital

BBC Two, 9.00pm

With its nail-biting plot twists and powerful emotional pull, this new six-part series could pass as a top-drawer medical drama. The fact that we're actually watching real life makes things all the more compelling - but undeniably sobering too.

Covering the action from the five London hospitals managed by Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, the programme offers an unflinching portrait of the day-to-day workings of the NHS. It's clear from the outset how squeezed the service is, with constant demand on resources proving tricky and time-consuming.

Tonight's episode puts moral and managerial

dilemmas front and centre. We meet two patients at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington both awaiting life-saving surgery. There's 67-year-old Simon, in to have a cancerous tumour removed, and 78-year-old Janice, rushed down from Norwich following a ruptured aneurysm. The problem facing staff is that with only one bed in intensive care available, only one of their operations can proceed. What follows is a fraught back-and-forth between surgeons and managers as they struggle to sort the crisis. It's an eye-opening process to drop in on but seems worryingly standard stuff for those involved. *Toby Dantzie*

The Sheriffs Are Coming

## BBC One

6.00 am Breakfast (S)

9.15 Rip Off Britain: (S)

10.00 Homes Under the Hammer (R) (S)

11.00 Wanted Down (S)

11.45 Caught Red Handed (AD) (S)

12.15 pm Bargain Hunter (R) (S)

1.00 BBC News at One

1.30 Regional News

1.45 Father Brown (S)

2.30 Impossible (S)

3.15 Escape to the Country (AD) (R) (S)

3.45 The Hairy Biker Comfort Food (S)

4.30 Antiques Roadshow

5.15 Pointless (S)

6.00 BBC News at Six Weather (S)

6.30 Regional News Programmes (S)

6.55 Party Political Broadcast (S)

7.00 The One Show by Matt Baker: Jones (S)

8.00 The Sheriffs Are Coming  
The sheriffs plan to remove a valuable Bentley unless paid in full See watch (AD) (S)

9.00 Italy's Invisible  
Alexander Arms and Dr Michael Jones explore the Italy Venice See What watch (AD) (S)

10.00 BBC News at Ten

10.30 Regional News: Weather (S)

10.45 A Question of Science