



National Health Service in Scotland
Management Executive

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Dear Colleague

EMERGENCY PLANNING GUIDANCE TO THE NHS IN
SCOTLAND

Summary

1. Emergency Planning Guidance to the NHS in Scotland was issued on 21 September 1990 under cover of SHHD/DGM(1990)73. That letter required you to ensure that:-

- * Appropriate plans are developed to meet health needs arising from the full range of potential emergency situations.
- * That these plans are tested by regular and frequent exercises.
- * That following major exercises, a review of Health Service response is undertaken, plans revised in the light of lessons learned and a report submitted to the Management Executive.
- * That copies of up-to-date plans are provided to the Management Executive.

2. In the past 18 months considerable progress has been made both in planning for emergency response, and in an increased number and sophistication of exercises testing emergency arrangements.

Action

3. Health Boards should ensure that all local plans have been completed, 2 copies of each have been submitted to the National Emergency Planning Officer and that all will be exercised during the year 1992/93.

4. A review of the Emergency Planning Guidance is to be undertaken shortly, and it would be appreciated if any proposals for its amendment are forwarded by 30 April 1992.

Yours sincerely

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