THE SCOTTISH OFFICE

National Health Service in Scotland Management Executive

Dear Colleague

NHS SECURITY MANUAL

Summary

1. This letter is to inform you that a revised edition of the NHS Security Manual has been published by the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts (NAHAT). The original Manual published in 1984 has been revised to take account of developments in the security field since then. A summary of key points in the Manual entitled 'NHS Security - A Summary for Managers' has also been prepared by NAHAT. A copy of the Manual and Summary is attached. The guidance is commended for implementation.

Action

- 2. General Managers and Chief Executives are asked to review their security arrangements in the light of the revised guidance and to draw up a programme for implementation of any changes. While no additional funds are available for this purpose in this financial year, the Management Executive should be advised of your programme and estimated additional costs above the normal level of expenditure on security no later than 30 September 1992. The Management Executive propose to monitor progress and will seek a further report on implementation of the guidance in December 1992.
- 3. Further copies of the Manual and the Summary can be purchased from NAHAT as follows:-

NHS Security Manual - price £28 per copy for NAHAT members, £45 per copy for others.

NHS Security - A Summary for Managers - price £3.50 per copy for NAHAT members, £6 per copy for others.

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Yours sincerely

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