Management Executive

National Health Service in Scotland

St. Andrew's House Edinburgh EH1 3DG

Dear Colleague

CONSULTATIVE PANEL ON THE REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES AND INDEPENDENT HOSPITALS

Summary

This letter is to inform you that the Chairman and members have been appointed to the Consultative Panel to advise on registration issues relating to nursing homes and independent hospitals. I attach a list of membership at Annex A to this letter. The terms of reference and procedures are set out at Annex B.

Background

My letter of 23 January 1992 advised you that Ministers had agreed to set up the Panel and invited nominations for membership. The Panel will give advice to Health Boards and the proprietors of nursing homes and independent hospitals on issues over registration. The response resulted in more nominations than the required number of members and the Secretary of State has now reached his decision on the appointees.

Action

- General Managers are requested to advise inspection teams, persons already registered and future applicants for registration of the existence and purpose of the Panel and to explain the reference procedure. Reference is by mutual agreement and written application should be sent initially to the Secretary of the Panel, Mrs R A Reid, Room 277, St Andrew's House.
- A copy of this letter has been sent to those bodies listed at Annex C who were consulted on the setting up of this Panel.

Yours sincerely

G W TUCKER

4 August 1992

Addressees

For action General Managers, Health Boards

For information: General Manager, Common Services Agency

General Manager, State Hospital

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ANNEX A

CONSULTATIVE PANEL ON THE REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES AND INDEPENDENT HOSPITALS

MEMBERSHIP

Mr A M Macpherson, Chairman, former Assistant Secretary in the Scottish Office

Mrs M Burnett, Director of Nursing Care and Design, Ashbourne Homes plc, Glasgow

Dr J Callander, General Practitioner, Bo'ness

Mr M Cleary, Director of Administration, Greater Glasgow Health Board

Mr C Davison, Managing Director, Fairburn House Nursing Home, Muir of Ord

Mr G L Franks, Chief Area Nursing Officer, Fife Health Board

Dr P C Gautam, Consultant Physician, Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen

Mr W Gent, Director of Nursing Services, Royal Scottish National Hospital, Lanarkshire

Dr J Godfrey, Consultant Pysician, Ayrshire Central Hospital, Irvine

Dr N D Jarvie, General Practitioner, Crieff

Mr G F Masterton, Manager, Murrayfield Hospital, Edinburgh

Mr A MacDonald, Chief Administrative Pharmaceutical Officer, Dumfries and Galloway Health Board

Dr J D Macgregor, Unit Medical Officer, Perth and Kinross Unit

Ms A Morgan, Principal Officer, Scottish Association for Mental Health, Edinburgh

Miss E M Notman, Acting Chief Area Nursing Officer, Lothian Health Board

Mrs S South, Chairman, Inverness, Nairn and Lochaber Local Health Council

Rev T W Tait, Member, Perth and Kinross Local Health Council

Dr N Ward, General Practitioner, Glasgow

Mrs A Weston, Chief Area Nursing Officer, Borders Health Board

Mr A White, Managing Director, Cairndhu House Nursing Home, Helensburgh

Mr D T Wright, Director of Quality Assurance and Chief Nursing Adviser, Highland Health Board

or independent hospital 30 days before the hearing. In some cases the Panel may feel that it may need to visit the nursing home or hospital concerned. Where a visit to a home is required the "host" Board will be asked to provide accommodation in which the hearing will be held. This would enable the visit to be made in the morning and the Panel to sit in the afternoon. The nursing home will also be informed where the Panel wishes to visit the premises.

ADVICE

8. The advice of the Panel will be conveyed by the Chairman in writing to the parties involved. The Panel's advice will be disseminated to other Health Boards and nursing home organisations provided both parties agree. As the Panel is not a statutory body, its advice is not legally binding on either party but both parties will be expected to adhere to the advice and seek to resolve their difficulties in the light of it.

ANNEX C

CONSULTATIVE PANEL ON THE REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES AND INDEPENDENT HOSPITALS

Age Concern Scotland

Association of Directors of Social Work

Association of Scottish Local Health Councils

Ayrshire Nursing Home Federation

British Association of Social Workers

British Federation of Care Home Proprietors

British Geriatric Society Scottish Branch

British United Provident Association

Church of Scotland Committee of Social Responsibility

Health and Safety Executive Independent Healthcare Association

Joint Committee of Professional Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland

Nuffield Hospitals

Psychiatric Nurses Association of Scotland

Registered Nursing Home Association - Scottish Branch

Royal College of General Practitioners - Scottish Branch

Royal College of Midwives

Royal College of Nursing - Scottish Board

Royal College of Psychiatrists - Scottish Division

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Scottish Department)

Scotcare Group Ltd

Scottish Action on Dementia

Scottish Association of Care Home Owners

Scottish Association for Mental Health

Scottish Committee of the Council on Tribunals

Scottish Consumer Council

Scottish Council of Social Services

Scottish Courts Administration

Scottish General Medical Services Committee

Scottish Hospital Advisory Service

Scottish Society for the Mentally Handicapped