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Dear Colleague

CLINICAL OUTCOME MEASURES

Summary

1. This circular encloses a copy of the preliminary report of the Working Group on clinical outcome measures. Boards and NHS Trusts are asked to implement the report's recommendations.

Action

2. A joint CRAG and Purchasers' Forum Working Group was established to consider and advise on a range of clinical outcomes suitable for inclusion in contracts from April 1993; and to advise on ways of achieving a better common understanding of the nature and use of clinical outcome measures. The interim report discharges the first of these tasks.

3. The report's recommendations have been endorsed by the Joint Working Group on Purchasing and the Chief Executive.

4. The action specified in section 5 of the full report (paragraphs 3.4 and 5 of the executive summary) should be included in all relevant contracts from April 1993. To assist with monitoring the specified outcomes Information Services Division will supply baseline information in January 1993.

6. Implementation of the Working Group's recommendations will be monitored by the Management Executive through the Accountability Review process.

7. Copies are enclosed for Chief Professional Officers. Copies have also been sent to Unit General Managers and Trusts for action.

21 December 1992

Addressees

For action:

General Managers,
Health Boards

General Manager,
State Hospital

General Manager,
Common Services Agency

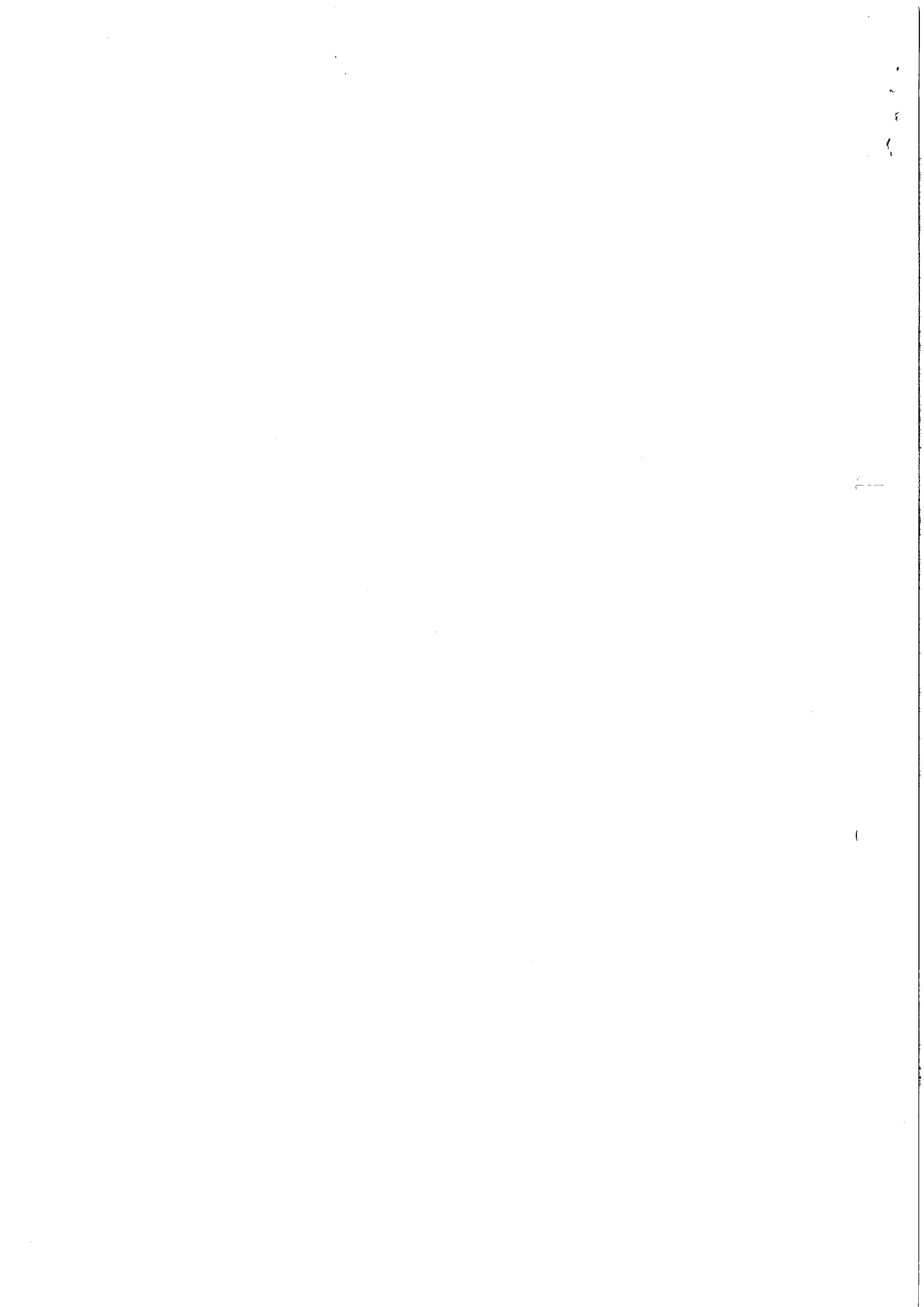
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8. Copies of the report are being sent by CRAG to chairmen of Area Medical Committees and Area Audit Committees and to selected other professional organisations with an interest.

9. Additional copies of the report and/or the executive summary may be obtained from Miss Dobbie.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'William Moyes', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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