



National Health Service in Scotland
Management Executive

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Dear Colleague

**CHIEF SCIENTIST OFFICE: ANNUAL REPORT
1992-93**

Summary

1. This circular draws the attention of Health Boards to the Annual Report for 1992-93 for the Chief Scientist Office.

Action

2. Health Board managers are asked to draw the CSO Annual Report for 1992-93 to the attention of all those responsible for and involved in health research. A copy of this document is attached.

Background

3. The aim of CSO is to identify, encourage, promote and support good quality research in order to improve the health and provide better health care for the people of Scotland.

4. Research and development is not an end in itself. It is about practical day to day problems and has an integral part to play in improving the health and quality of life of the Scottish people. Research can help individuals live longer and be healthier by reinforcing their own efforts to adopt healthier lifestyles. Research also has a vital role to play in the monitoring and evaluation of the NHS changes to ensure that stated objectives and targets are being met and that policy is up to date and appropriate. It can also help the NHS, if everyone in the organisation takes an active part in defining a research programme for which they have a shared responsibility.

Annual Report

5. An Annual Report is a new initiative for the Chief Scientist Office. In previous years, a report of the activities of CSO have been included in the Chief Medical Officer's Annual Report. A separate

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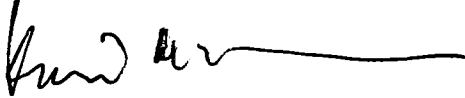
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annual report enables CSO's activities to be reported in greater depth and widen the understanding of the important research and development funded by CSO.

Yours sincerely



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