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Dear Colleague

**AMALGAMATION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
(SCOTLAND) UNIT AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
(SCOTLAND) UNIT**

**Summary**

1. This letter is to advise you that the Communicable Diseases (Scotland) Unit and the Environmental Health (Scotland) Unit have been amalgamated to form the Communicable Diseases and Environmental Health (Scotland) Unit. This took effect on 1 August 1993.

**Action**

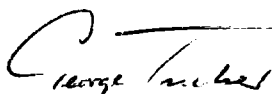
2. General Managers are asked to inform Consultants in Public Health Medicine (Communicable Diseases and Environmental Health) of this amalgamation.

**Background**

3. As a result of a review by Departmental officers of the functions of the Communicable Diseases (Scotland) Unit and the Environmental Health (Scotland) Unit, it was established that there would be benefits from a merger of the 2 units. Proposals for a single, integrated organisation with a common remit and management structure have been accepted by the Minister. The merger reduces the existing overlap of activities between the Units and will provide the opportunity to develop management and administrative services, information technology and data handling, publication of reports, training and the provision of epidemiological advice. The amalgamation will enable the new unit to offer the first 'one-stop' service of its kind to users.

4. The Unit will remain at Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow. The Director of the combined Unit is Dr Dan Reid, OBE. The telephone number remains the same and is 041-946 7120.

Yours sincerely

  
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