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MODEL GUIDELINES FOR THE REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF NURSING HOMES PROVIDING CARE AND TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH A DEMENTIA

21 December 1993

MODEL GUIDELINES FOR THE REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF NURSING HOMES PROVIDING CARE AND TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY

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General Managers,
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General Manager,
Common Services Agency

General Manager,
State Hospital

General Manager,
Health Education Board
for Scotland

Directors of Social
Work and
Directors of Planning
and Building Control
Departments of
Regional and District
Councils

Summary

1. This letter announces the publication of 2 sets of Model Guidelines for the Registration and Inspection of Nursing Homes Providing Continuing Care and Treatment for (a) People With a Dementia and (b) People With a Learning Disability.

2. These Guidelines are the 3rd and 4th in a series of Model Guidelines. The Model Guidelines for the Registration and Inspection of Nursing Homes for the Elderly was published in 1989 and Model Guidelines for the Registration and Inspection of Independent Hospitals and Nursing Homes Providing Acute Services was published in March 1992.

3. The aim of the Guidelines is to ensure a nationally acceptable standard of care while maintaining the balance between Health Boards ensuring effective standards are met without placing unreasonable demands on proprietors. The Guidelines were prepared by a Working Group of officials of the Scottish Office Home and Health Department in consultation with the NHS and the bodies listed in the attached Annexes. The Guidelines have been given Ministerial approval.

Action

4. It is important to note that the Guidelines represent general guidance and do not carry any force of law.

5. Appropriate copies of the Guidelines have been enclosed to enable Heads of Inspection Teams to distribute to all those nursing homes in their area caring for people with a Dementia and those with a Learning Disability. Further copies will be made available on request. A copy has also been sent to the Associations in the attached Annexes who participated in the consultation exercises.

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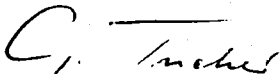
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6. Health Boards will wish to give those nursing homes providing these services but who do not at present comply with the Guidelines, a reasonable period of time in which to bring their establishments in line with the recommended standards.

7. General Managers should bring this letter to the attention of relevant staff involved in the Registration and Inspection of Private Nursing Homes and Directors of Public Health/CAMOs, CANOs and CAPOs.

Yours sincerely



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**NURSING HOME MODEL GUIDELINES - DEMENTIA
LIST OF BODIES CONSULTED**

Health Boards

Scottish General Medical Services Committee, BMA Scottish Office
 Scottish Branch of the Registered Nursing Home Association
 Association of Scottish Local Health Councils
 Independent Health Care Association
 General Managers, Nuffield Hospitals
 The British United Provident Association
 Hospital Director, The Nuffield McAlpine Clinic
 National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland
 Scottish General Medical Services
 Scottish Health Services Advisory Council
 a. National Nursing Consultative Council
 b. National Medical Consultative Council
 Scottish Health Service Central Legal Office
 British Federation of Care Home Proprietors
 Age Concern Scotland
 Association of Directors of Social Work
 Scottish Branch of the British Geriatric Society
 COSLA
 C of S Committee of Social Responsibility
 Scottish Council of Social Service
 Scottish Council on Disability
 Scottish Association for Mental Health
 Scottish Society for the Mentally Handicapped (ENABLE)
 British Association of Social Workers
 Royal College of Nursing
 Royal College of Midwives
 Psychiatric Nurses Association
 DoH
 Health and Safety Executive
 Community Psychiatric Nurses Association
 District Nurses Association UK Scottish Branch
 Scottish Health Visitors Association
 Association of Chartered Physiotherapists with a special interest in elderly people
 Archdiocese of Glasgow Social Services
 Crossroads (Scotland Care Attendants Scheme)
 Scottish Huntingtons Association
 Alzheimer's Scotland
 Scottish Psychological Society - Division of Clinical Psychology
 Royal College of Psychiatrists - Scottish Division
 Scottish Action on Dementia
 The Dementia Services Development Centre Stirling University
 Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland

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The British United Provident Association
Hospital Directors, the Nuffield McAlpine Clinic
National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland
Scottish Health Service Central Legal Office
Association of Directors of Social Work
COSLA
Church of Scotland Committee of Social Responsibility
Scottish Association of Care Home Owners
Scottish Council of Social Service
Scottish Council on Disability
Scottish Society for the Mentally Handicapped (ENABLE)
British Association of Social Workers
Royal College of Nursing
Royal College of Midwives
Psychiatric Nurses Association
Royal College of General Practitioners - Scottish Executive
Health and Safety Executive
The Royal College of Psychiatrists (Scottish Division) Mental Handicap
Section
Community Mental Handicap Nurses' Association
Archdiocese of Glasgow Social Services
The Brothers of Charity
Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, St Mary's Convent,
Barrhead
Scottish Down's Syndrome Association
Quarrier's
North Edinburgh Action Group
SENSE in Scotland
Camphill Village Trust
Scottish Hospital Advisory Service
Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland
National Council for Special Education