



National Health Service in Scotland
Management Executive

St. Andrew's House
Edinburgh EH1 3DG

Dear Colleague

CORPORATE PLAN FOR CHIEF SCIENTIST OFFICE

Summary

1. This circular draws the attention of Health Boards to The Corporate Plan for the Chief Scientist Office.

Action

2. Health Board managers are asked to draw The Corporate Plan to the attention of all those responsible for and involved in health research.

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.

Corporate Plan

5. The Corporate Plan is an overview of the approach to health research in Scotland. It envisages strengthening of the infrastructure and skills for research in Scotland and improving the climate necessary to support the identification and implementation of research. The Corporate Plan is a forerunner to a comprehensive strategy document

COMMON SERVICES AGENCY

003
24 March 1993

Addressees

For action:
General Managers,
Health Boards

For information:
General Manager,
Common Services Agency

General Manager, State
Hospital

General Manager,
Health Education Board
for Scotland

Chief Executives
NHS Trusts

To be copied to Unit
General Managers for
information

Enquiries to:

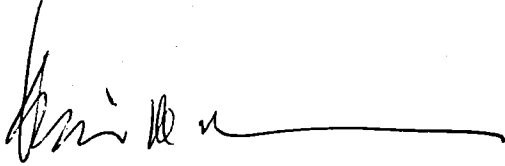
Mrs A J M McMahon
Chief Scientist Office
Room 216
St Andrew's House
EDINBURGH EH1 3DE
Tel: 031-244 2249
Fax: 031-244 2683

Further copies from:

Miss J Smith
Room 207
St Andrew's House
EDINBURGH EH1 3DE
Tel: 031-244 2244
Fax: 031-244 2683

on research and development in the NHS which will be published later
this year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G A Anderson', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

G A ANDERSON
Director of Strategic Management