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Dear Colleague

**SCOTTISH HOSPITAL PLANNING NOTE 48:  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

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**Summary**

1. This letter announces the publication of Scottish Hospital Planning Note (SHPN)48. A copy is enclosed for your information and use. Further copies are available through HMSO priced at £8.00.
2. SHPN 48, which is a self contained Note, provides guidance on telecommunication systems. It contains information on the facilities offered by modern electronic equipment and data for determining the capacity of telephone exchanges as well as describing the accommodation required for communication equipment and operators rooms. In addition, for the first time the Note gives guidance on the planning and installation of data transmission systems operating within hospitals.
3. The Departmental Cost Allowances associated with SHPN 48 will be notified in a separate letter shortly. Activity Data A Sheets relevant to the Note are listed in Chapter 8 and the Sheets themselves are in Appendix 3.

**Action**

4. Health Boards and NHS Trusts should ensure that the guidance in SHPN 48 is taken into account when briefing and planning hospital projects.

Yours sincerely

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