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## National Health Service in Scotland Management Executive

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Dear Colleague

### ALLOCATIONS FOR MINOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

#### Summary

1. The Chief Scientist Office has discontinued the practice of allocating funds direct to Health Boards for minor research projects.

#### Action

2. General Managers and Chief Executives are asked to draw this change in practice to the attention of all those responsible for and involved in health research.

3. This should be copied to Unit General Managers for information.

#### Background

4. In recent years the Chief Scientist Office has provided funds for Health Boards to encourage their personnel to undertake minor research projects.

5. Following a review by the Clinical and Biomedical Research Committee - a special advisory committee to CSO - it was decided that the present practice was not cost-effective and should be discontinued. No such funds have therefore been allocated for this purpose by CSO for 1993/94 onwards.

6. Boards and Trusts are reminded however that income from the Scottish Hospital Trust and other endowment funds which the Board and Trusts may hold may be used for this purpose.

Yours sincerely

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