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Dear Colleague

**SCOTTISH HOSPITAL PLANNING NOTE(SHPN)48:  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

1. MEL(1993)46 issued on 31 March 1993 announced the publication of SHPN 48 and indicated that Departmental Cost Allowances for this SHPN would be notified in a separate letter.

2. This letter gives details of these Cost Allowances. Annex 1 provides an explanation of the Allowances and Annex 2 is a table showing the Cost Allowances for both Accommodation and Equipment.

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**Cost Allowances and Guide to Areas**

1. The Departmental Cost Allowances associated with this Note are in Annex 2.
2. The Schedule of Activity Spaces used in the preparation of the Cost Allowances is given in Chapter 7 of the Planning Note. The areas in the Schedule are published purely as background information and to assist at the earliest design stages when rooms and spaces require to be grouped in their correct relationships. As indicated in Chapter 7 of the Note the areas do not represent recommended room sizes, maximum or minimum allowances, nor are they to be regarded in any way as specific individual entitlements. The functional units are the telephone extensions and data outlet points.
3. Previous Departmental Cost Allowances for Telephone Services were issued in SHHD/DGM (1990)92 and are now superseded. Data services are now included.

DEPARTMENTAL COST ALLOWANCES: SHPN 48  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS: SPSBTP1 VALUE 129

TELEPHONE SYSTEM: (a) Accommodation Area Cost Allowance (£ 000)

Operators' and  
Equipment Rooms

|            |                  |    |
|------------|------------------|----|
| 2 Consoles | 45m <sup>2</sup> | 36 |
| 5 "        | 65m <sup>2</sup> | 44 |
| 8 "        | 85m <sup>2</sup> | 52 |

(b) Equipment/System

|                |  |     |
|----------------|--|-----|
| 200 extensions |  | 90  |
| 600 "          |  | 210 |
| 1000 "         |  | 320 |

DATA SYSTEM:

(a) Accommodation  
Equipment Rooms

|                   |                  |      |
|-------------------|------------------|------|
| 5 system cabinets | 18m <sup>2</sup> | 9.0  |
| 10 " "            | 33m <sup>2</sup> | 16.5 |
| 15 " "            | 48m <sup>2</sup> | 24.0 |

|                 |                  |      |
|-----------------|------------------|------|
| 5 NODE Cabinets | 15m <sup>2</sup> | 7.5  |
| 10 " "          | 30m <sup>2</sup> | 15.0 |
| 15 " "          | 45m <sup>2</sup> | 22.5 |

(b) Equipment/Systems

|                        |  |     |
|------------------------|--|-----|
| Packet Switch Exchange |  | 15  |
| 5 Cabinet Main Modes   |  | 60  |
| 10 " " "               |  | 132 |
| 15 " " "               |  | 180 |

Local Node/Terminal Equipment  
(including outlets)

|               |  |     |
|---------------|--|-----|
| 120 terminals |  | 54  |
| 300 "         |  | 137 |
| 600 "         |  | 270 |

Consult Management Executive for advice on telephone system cost allowances where not shown above.

Consult Directorate of Information Services for advice on data system cost allowances where not shown above.