

## THE SCOTTISH OFFICE

# National Health Service in Scotland Management Executive

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Dear Colleague

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 1993; DIRECTION TO NHS TRUSTS; AND GUIDANCE ON THE APPOINTMENTS PROCEDURES

### Summary

1. This letter introduces the National Health Service (Appointment of Consultants) (Scotland) Regulations 1993 (SI 1993/994) and a Direction applying the Regulations to NHS Trusts, together with revised guidance on the appointments procedures and the new membership of the National Panel of Specialists constituted under the Regulations.

#### Action

- 2. Health Boards and Trusts should:
  - appoint consultants on the basis of the Regulations, Direction and guidance;
  - draw the guidance on appointments procedures to the attention of all members of Advisory Appointments Committees;
  - note that the National Panel of Specialists has been reconstituted;
  - copy this letter to Unit General Managers for action as necessary.
- 3. Details of what is required are set out in Annexes A, B and C attached.

Yours sincerely

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NHS Circular Nos 1977(PCS)33, 1986(PCS)19, 1990(PCS)22 and 1992(PCS)10 are cancelled

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