



THE SCOTTISH OFFICE

National Health Service in Scotland  
Management Executive

NHS:  
MEL(1993)66

St. Andrew's House  
Edinburgh EH1 3DG

Dear Colleague

REPORT ON OPHTHALMIC NURSE TRAINING

**Summary**

1. This letter draws the attention of Health Boards and Trusts to the enclosed Report. This is the third Report of the Scottish Health Service Advisory Council Study Group on the management of Ophthalmology Services in Scotland. The Council endorsed the Report and commended it to the Scottish Office Home and Health Department.

2. The Management Executive sought the views of the Joint Working Group on Manpower on the Report. The Group took the view that 3 main issues needed to be addressed in taking this subject forward:

2.1 the involvement of Purchasers particularly in the area of funding for training

2.2 an early assessment of the demand for such training

2.3 consideration of Providers future needs.

**Action**

3. The Management Executive invites Health Boards and Trusts to take the Report's recommendations into account when determining the provision of ophthalmic nurse training.

4. This letter should be copied to Unit General Managers and Consultant Ophthalmologists for information.

Yours sincerely

*for*   
A J MATHESON  
Director of Manpower

19 May 1993

**Addressees:**

For action:  
General Managers,  
Health Boards

Chief Executives,  
NHS Trusts

For information:  
Directors of Nurse  
Education/Principals

Chief Area Nursing  
Officers

General Manager,  
Common Services Agency

General Manager, State  
Hospital

To be copied to:  
Unit General Managers

Consultant  
Ophthalmologists

**Enquiries to:**

Mr J Robb  
SOHHD  
ME9/5  
Room 61  
St Andrew's House  
Edinburgh EH1 3DE  
Tel: 031-244-2521  
Fax: 031-244-2837

COMMON SERVICES AGENCY	
RECEIVED 21 MAY 1993	
FILE No.	
REFERRED TO	ACTION TAKEN

