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Dear Colleague

PATIENT HOTELS: A QUALITY ALTERNATIVE TO  
WARD CARE

**Summary**

1. This letter draws your attention to the attached report "Patient Hotels - A Quality Alternative to Ward Care".

**Background**

2. The report was prepared by the NHS Management Executive's Value for Money Unit and as such has not been prepared with the NHS in Scotland context specifically in mind.

3. The stated purpose of the report is to identify the potential benefits and constraints of accommodating suitable patients in a patient hotel as an alternative to a hospital ward and to assist managers and clinicians in deciding whether to invest in such facilities.

4. Further copies of the report are available through HMSO.

**Action**

5. As noted above the report is issued for information only as an aid to informed discussion. It does not imply approval or otherwise by the Management Executive (NHS in Scotland). The scope for using "patient hotels" as a means of providing care is a matter for discussion and agreement between individual purchasers and providers.

Yours sincerely

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