



National Health Service in Scotland
Management Executive

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Dear Colleague

**ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT ON THE
MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH STROKE**

Summary

1. This letter draws the attention of Health Boards and Trusts to the attached Report, prepared by a Working Group of the National Medical Advisory Committee, on The Management of patients with Stroke.

Background

The Working Group was appointed by the Scottish Health Service Advisory Council in 1992 under the Chairmanship of Professor Charles Warlow. Its membership included representatives from the health and social care disciplines.

2. Stroke is one of the most common causes of disability and death in Scotland. It consumes over 4% of National Health Service resources. Improved organisation of stroke care is deemed essential in order to ensure a more rapid and complete investigation to reach a reliable diagnosis, to permit research into causes and treatment, and to reduce hospital stay and limit overall cost.

3. This Report is essentially a statement about good practice, audit, training and research. It sets out the essential components of a comprehensive stroke service, and offers advice to purchasers and providers on the most effective means of meeting the needs of those who are at risk from, or have experienced, a stroke.

4. Additional copies of the Report are available from HMSO, priced £9.10.

Action

5. The Management Executive endorses the Report and Health Boards and Trusts are invited to implement its recommendations, in accordance with

7 February 1994

Addressees

For action:
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Health Boards

Chief Executives and
Chief Executives
Designate, NHS Trusts

For information:
Unit General Managers

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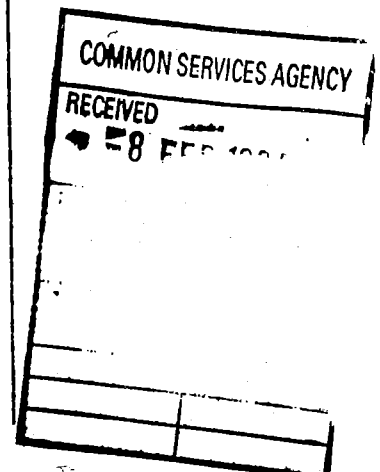
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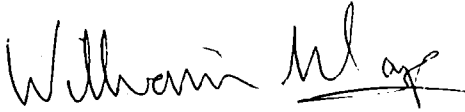
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local circumstances, plans and priorities and from within the resources available to them.

6. This letter is copied to Unit General Managers for information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'William Moyes', with a horizontal line drawn under the name.

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