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Dear Colleague

**WORKING GROUP ON ACUTE BEDS AND THE
ELDERLY
TRENDS IN THE USE OF ACUTE BEDS BY THE
ELDERLY
THE INTERFACE BETWEEN GERIATRIC MEDICINE
AND GENERAL MEDICINE**

Summary

1. This letter attaches 2 Reports prepared by the Working Group on Acute Beds and the Elderly. The Working Group was appointed by the Scottish Health Service Advisory Council in October 1991 under the Chairmanship of Professor G D Forwell. Membership was drawn from across the Scottish Health Service and The Scottish Office.

2. The Reports cover trends in the use of acute beds for the elderly and guidance on the interface between geriatric medicine and general medicine.

Action

3. Health Boards, NHS Trusts and directly managed units are invited to take account of the findings of both Reports in the organisation of care services for the elderly.

4. The Reports are issued for general information and to assist the assessment and planning of service requirements and bed needs for the elderly.

Yours faithfully

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