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Dear Colleague

**HEALTH FACILITIES NOTE (HFN)5: DESIGN AGAINST CRIME - A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO HOSPITAL PLANNING**

**Summary**

1. I enclose for your information a copy of a NHS Estates publication HFN5: Design Against Crime - A Strategic Approach To Hospital Planning. HFN's have no policy status. They are not a substitute for Scottish Hospital Planning Notes and do not generate Departmental Cost Allowances.

**Background**

2. Health Facilities Notes address topical subjects affecting provision of facilities across all areas of health care. They are intended to inform NHS providers on recent trends and developments. They are based on extensive programmes of specialist research and the experience and expertise of NHS Estates consultancy teams.

3. This particular Note reports on research studies on security in and around hospitals. It is about the impact of space and people on crime and security and how that knowledge can be used in the prevention of crime; it is not about security hardware and control systems. It describes the application of a computerised system to three hospitals in use and to alternative designs for a new hospital. The attention of colleagues is drawn especially to the recommendations on pages 58 to 62.

4. Further copies of HFN5 are available from HMSO priced at £75 each.

**Action**

5. This HFN is issued for information and does not require a response to the Management Executive.

Yours sincerely

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