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Dear Colleague

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THE ORAL HEALTH STRATEGY FOR SCOTLAND

Summary

1. This letter notifies Health Boards and NHS Trusts about the publication of 'The Oral Health Strategy for Scotland' and about funding for pilot projects in the oral health field.

Background

2. 'Scotland's Health - A Challenge To Us All' which was issued in 1992 gave an undertaking that a national dental strategy would be produced to help achieve the targets for the year 2000 for improvements in Scotland's oral and dental health set in 'Health Education in Scotland', the national policy statement published in 1991.

3. The Oral Health Strategy is to be published on 18 December. The Strategy outlines the current state of dental and oral health in Scotland and identifies the key areas in which action is needed to bring about progress towards the targets. It also identifies the key players in taking forward the required action.

4. Copies of the Strategy are being distributed separately within the NHS and beyond, including to all dentists, Health Board health promotion departments, Local Health Councils, local authorities, schools and professional and other organisations.

Funding for Pilot Projects

5. In order to encourage improvements in oral health, specific funding will be available from the Primary Care Development Fund projects directly linked to themes of the Strategy and capable of wider implementation. A separate NHS MEL letter giving details of this funding and how to apply will be issued shortly.

Addressees

For action:

General Managers, Health Boards
Chief Executives, NHS Trusts
Unit General Managers, Island Health Boards

For information:

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Further copies of the Strategy are available, free of charge, from HMSO Bookshops, 71 Lothian Road, Edinburgh, EH3 9AZ
Tel: 0131 228 4181.

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6. A copy of The Oral Health Strategy is enclosed for information. Bulk supplies are being sent to Boards and Trusts for further distribution under separate cover. Health Board General Managers are asked to distribute copies to community pharmacists and Chief Executives of NHS Trusts and Unit General Managers to distribute copies to the hospital and community dental services, midwives, health visitors and district nurses.

Yours sincerely



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