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Dear Colleague

**CROWN OFFICE USE OF NHS MORTUARIES FOR FORENSIC AUTOPSIES**

**Background**

1. In April 1995 the Management Executive, after consultation within the Service, introduced a scheme for charging the Crown Office for use of NHS mortuaries for post mortems carried out after instruction from Procurators Fiscal.
2. This circular is to inform the Service of new invoicing arrangements. From 1 October 1996 invoices should now be sent to the appropriate Procurator Fiscal by each hospital on a monthly basis, in arrears.

**Action**

3. Please arrange for this circular to be copied to Unit General Managers, Health Board Directors of Finance, Directors of Finance NHS Trust and those involved in contracting for such services.

Yours sincerely

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