



National Health Service in Scotland
Management Executive

Dear Colleague

**SCOTTISH CANCER CO-ORDINATING AND ADVISORY
COMMITTEE: COMMISSIONING CANCER SERVICES IN
SCOTLAND REPORT: PRIMARY AND PALLIATIVE CARE
SERVICES, JULY 1996**

Summary

1. The "Commissioning Cancer Services in Scotland" revised report (April 1996) was issued in May of this year under cover of NHS MEL(1996)54. While its main purpose was to publish the report and to set out a series of objectives and milestones for Health Boards and NHS Trusts, this letter also indicated that the SCCAC Sub-Committee had been asked to prepare a second report on primary and palliative care services by the end of the summer 1996.
2. This report has now been completed and is attached.
3. This letter seeks comments on the "Primary and Palliative Care Services" Report from Health Boards, NHS Trusts, those organisations listed in the Annex to this letter and any other bodies with an interest in the care of patients with cancer.

Action

4. Bearing in mind the general principles outlined in the first report "Commissioning Cancer Services in Scotland" (April 1996), the objectives and planning milestones for the reconfiguration of cancer services set out in NHS MEL(1996)54 and the further guidance set out in NHS MEL(1996)83, comments are sought on:
 - (a) the implications for the service of the principles set out in the report, and
 - (b) particular issues arising from the action points, e.g. (but not exclusively) in relation to referral patterns, training and inter-disciplinary/inter-agency communications and working patterns.

15 November 1996

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Annex

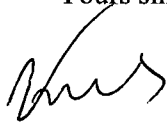
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Professional bodies/other organisations to be consulted:

- Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh
- Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh
- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow
- Royal College of General Practitioners, Scottish Council
- Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists
- Scottish Standing Committee, Royal College of Radiologists
- Scottish Standing Committee, Royal College of Pathologists
- College of Radiographers
- Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Scottish Department
- Academy of Royal Colleges and Faculties in Scotland
- British Medical Association, Scottish Office
- Scottish Association of GP Fundholders
- Scottish Joint Consultants' Committee
- Royal College of Nursing Scottish Board
- Scottish General Medical Services Committee
- British Association of Paediatric Surgeons
- British Paediatric Association
- Chairman, National Medical Advisory Committee
- Chairman, National Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Advisory Committee
- Chairman, National Dental Advisory Committee
- Chairman, National Paramedical Advisory Committee
- Chairman, National Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee
- Chairman, National Advisory Committee on Scientific Services
- Marie Curie Cancer Care
- Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund Office for Scotland
- Scottish Partnership Agency for Palliative and Cancer Care
- Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children
- Scottish Breast Cancer Campaign
- Breast Cancer Care

