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Dear Colleague

**'WORKING TOGETHER FOR A HEALTHIER
SCOTLAND'
A CONSULTATION GREEN PAPER**

Summary

1. The consultation document, "Working Together For a Healthier Scotland", is attached. This Green Paper takes forward the Government's manifesto commitment "To improve public health in Scotland with new initiatives on preventative health care that recognise the impact poverty, poor housing, unemployment and a polluted environment have on health".

2. Extensive consultation on the Green Paper is being undertaken both within and outwith the NHS. To facilitate this within the NHS copies are being sent direct to all CANOs, CADOs, Directors of Public Health, Public Health Consultants, Directors of Nursing, Health Promotion Departments, GPs, dentists, community pharmacists and health centre managers.

Action

3. Health Board General Managers and Trust Chief Executives are requested to circulate the Green Paper for comment to those not already covered as described above; and to encourage NHS staff to contribute to the development of a comprehensive and effective strategy for improving Scotland's health and tackling health inequalities.

4. Comments should be sent by 30 April 1998 to The Public Health Policy Unit, The Scottish Office Department of Health, Room 433, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DE, marked "For the attention of Mrs J Niven".

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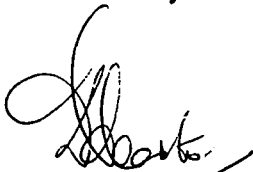
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5. Bulk supplies of the Green Paper, for distribution, are being sent to Boards and Trusts under separate cover.

Yours sincerely



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