



Department of Health



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Dear Colleague

**COMMISSIONING CANCER SERVICES IN SCOTLAND:
CANCER GENETICS SERVICES IN SCOTLAND**

Summary

A report on cancer genetics in Scotland is attached. The report recommends how services should be developed for people with a significant family history of breast, colorectal or ovarian cancer. It has been produced by a working group including the Priority Areas Cancer Team and members of the Cancer Genetics Sub-Committee of the Scottish Cancer Co-ordinating and Advisory Committee.

Action

This letter seeks comments on the report "Cancer Genetics Services in Scotland" from Health Boards, Trusts, those organisations listed in the Annex and any other bodies/individuals with an interest in the care of patients with cancer and/or cancer genetics - to whom copies should be made available either directly from addressees or by contacting the telephone number indicated.

Responses should be returned to Mrs Elizabeth Porterfield, Room 161, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3DG by Friday 27th March 1998.

Yours sincerely

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REPORT - "CANCER GENETICS SERVICES IN SCOTLAND"**

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- 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
- Scottish Association of Health Councils
- Scottish Partnership Agency for Palliative and Cancer Care
- 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 for Scientific Services
- Marie Curie Cancer Care
- Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund Office for Scotland
- Scottish Breast Cancer Campaign
- Breast Cancer Care