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Dear Colleague

## SUPPORTING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE NHS - INVITATION TO BID

### Summary

1. Copies of documents providing information on how the new funding system for NHS Providers would run from 1 April 1998 and a document inviting NHS Providers to bid for R&D Support Funding for the financial year 1998/99 onwards were sent to you under cover of a letter from Professor Bouchier dated 21 February 1997.
2. This MEL covers the 'Invitation to Bid' document for NHS Providers for 1999/2000. It includes details of what to include and how to make a bid.
3. You will wish to note that the 'Invitation to Bid' is addressed to those seeking task-linked funding for no more than 2 years only.

### Action

4. NHS Providers wishing to bid for R&D Support Funding from 1998/99 can submit an Expression of Interest to the Chief Scientist Office by Friday 8 May 1998. They will then have until Monday 31 August 1998 to make a final bid. Details are set out in the Invitation to Bid. Submission of an Expression of Interest is mandatory if a Provider intends to make a final bid. Failure to do so will debar the Provider from the application process.
5. General Managers of Health Boards are requested to circulate this MEL to GPs; GDPs; Community Pharmacists and Optometrists within their area and to have a set of the documents placed in Board Libraries.

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#### Addressees:

##### For action:

NHS Trust Chief Executives  
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For information and without  
Invitation to Bid document:  
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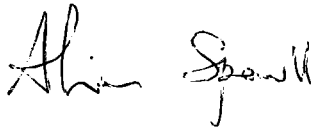
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6. Chief Executives of Trusts are requested to have a set of documents placed in Trust Libraries. Copies of this MEL and accompanying documents have also gone to Trust R&D Lead Officers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Spaul". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**DR ALISON SPAULL**  
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Dear Colleague

**NHS CIRCULAR MEL(1998)11: CORRIGENDUM**

**SUPPORTING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE  
NHS - INVITATION TO BID**

**Summary**

1. This letter amends the above MEL which contained a typing error in paragraph 4.

**Action**

2. The attached MEL should replace MEL(1998)11 which was sent recently.

Yours sincerely

**DR ALISON SPAULL**  
**Director**  
**Chief Scientist Office**

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