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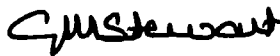
4. These changes do not alter the responsibility of Health Boards working with local authorities and other partners to ensure that proper provision is made for the transitional costs associated with the closure of inappropriate long stay NHS accommodation and the necessary reprovision of services in the community. The Government's policy remains that no long stay NHS institution will be closed until suitable alternative facilities, including accommodation, are available and properly financed in the community; and Health Boards will have to show that the resources distributed in the light of this letter have been used for appropriate purposes. Furthermore Health Boards and NHS Trusts should ensure that, where long stay NHS provision continues to be provided the accommodation and facilities are maintained to a high standard.

5. Health Boards are asked to bring this information to the attention of all with an interest in these issues who are not direct recipients of this circular.

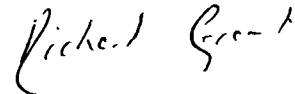
Yours sincerely



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ANNEX

£,000

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Existing commitments including RSNH	14,000	6,460	6,735
Argyll and Clyde	652	1,881	1,836
Ayr and Arran	554	1,599	1,561
Dumfries and Galloway	234	675	659
Forth Valley	381	1,098	1,072
Grampian	709	2,045	1,996
Lanarkshire	772	2,228	2,175
Shetland	37	108	105
Tayside	605	1,744	1,703
Western Isles	56	162	158
	18,000	18,000	18,000