



SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE

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Health Department
Directorate of Performance Management and Finance

Dear Colleague

CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE AND OTHER RISKS INDEMNITY SCHEME (CNORIS): REVISED RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

Purpose

1. This HDL advises that the final version of the CNORIS Risk Management standards effective from 1 January 2003 are now available via the CNORIS website www.cnoris.com. Please note that the most current version is referenced V4/2003 and contains a minor addendum to the initial version V3/2003.

Detail

2. The Scheme is underpinned by combined clinical and non-clinical risk management standards, which are subdivided into Levels One, Two and Three. Together these constitute the foundation of a comprehensive Risk Management programme, which is a critical component of systematic Governance.

3. Members are able to use these standards to develop their approach to risk management, and can be assessed against the criteria contained within each Level once in each financial period. Fast-track reassessment is available for those that narrowly fail Level One. Assessment at Level Two is only available following a successful assessment at Level One.

4. The draft standards announced in NHS HDL(2002)65 have been slightly amended in light of the comments received. Members are reminded that if they are now working towards achieving Level One in 2003 they should ensure that they are working to the revised standards. Members who have already completed Level One should be assured that their accreditation on pre-existing criteria remains valid until either expiry, reaccreditation at Level One, or an attempt at Level Two accreditation.

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For action

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ACTION

5. Chief Executives are requested to:

- circulate copies of the HDL to all staff with CNORIS and/or risk management responsibility; and
- note the revised Standards effective from 1 January 2003.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Aldridge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John Aldridge
Director of Performance Management and Finance