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- General Managers of the SHAs for the )
- London Postgraduate Teaching Hospitals )
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- Regional Medical Officers )
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Dear General Manager

**JOINT PLANNING OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL TRAINING GRADES  
SENIOR REGISTRARS IN PALLIATIVE MEDICINE**

The Joint Planning Advisory Committee has recently agreed that manpower approvals should be made available for senior registrar posts in Palliative Medicine. The Committee has further agreed that before any allocations are made the number of posts health authorities wish to fund should be established.

I should be grateful therefore if health authorities would indicate the number of posts they would be prepared to fund by 31 March 1992 and include in their bid the number of posts the voluntary hospices within their geographical boundaries would wish to establish within the same period. Any region wishing to fund posts may assume they will get at least one manpower approval.

When final quotas in Palliative Medicine are issued, manpower approvals which have already been given from the General Medicine Residual quota in respect of posts in Palliative Medicine will count against the Palliative Medicine quotas. Regions with such approvals need only indicate how many additional posts they and the voluntary hospices within their boundaries wish to fund.

In order to support this initiative, pump-priming charitable monies from Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund may be available where agreement can be reached for the continued funding of the post beyond the pump-priming period.

Please reply to Mr Brian Greener at the above address by 31 January 1989.

Yours sincerely

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