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Dear Colleague

ROLE OF DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITIES

1. In the Working paper on "Contracts for Health Services: Operational Principles", published in September 1989, we provided a broad statement on the future role of DHAs under the White Paper proposals. (EL(89) MB/169). Briefly this explained that DHAs had the key role of identifying the local need and demand for health care, and securing the optimum pattern of services to meet these.
2. The enclosed paper provides further details of the programme of project work (which I announced on 2 November) to help support all DHAs in successfully assuming and developing their new role. The project will work with a group of DHAs and RHAs and publish a series of reports on their local experience to stimulate the learning and development process in all DHAs.

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3. Enquiries about the enclosed paper should be addressed to:

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