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Dear General Manager,

**FOOD HYGIENE : HOSPITAL AND THERAPEUTIC KITCHENS INSPECTION
GUIDELINES AND REPORTING FORMAT**

1. HC(86)14 announced the lifting of Crown Immunity from the Food Act 1984 and the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970. As part of the follow up action, the Institution of Environmental Health Officers, in consultation with the Department of Health, has prepared Inspection Guidelines and a Reporting Format for Hospital Kitchens including those designed for Therapeutic purposes.

2. These guidelines and reporting format were sent to all members of the IEHO in December 1988 and the main purpose is to provide EHOs with a common approach and standards for inspecting NHS food premises. A copy is enclosed for information and should be brought to the attention of all staff involved in preparing, distributing and serving food and particularly those with responsibility for ensuring the required levels of hygiene are achieved.

Therapeutic Kitchens

3. A good deal of concern has been expressed about the application of the Food Hygiene Regulations to Therapeutic Kitchens. Paragraph 22.20 of the guidelines deals with these kitchens, reminding EHOs that they are primarily training kitchens.

Further Copies of Guidelines

4. Further copies of the guidelines are available from the Institution of Environmental Health Officers, Chadwick House, Rushworth Street, London SE1 ORD. Telephone 01 928 6006

Enquiries

5. Enquiries should be addressed to Mr M Hunt, HS5, Room 709, Hannibal House, Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6TE. Telephone 01 703 6380 Ext 3146

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D G Thomson'.

D G THOMSON

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