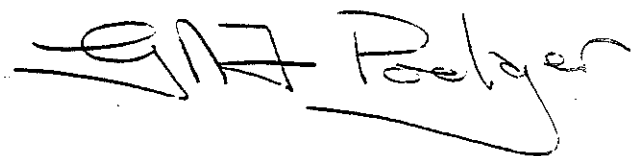


Action to be taken

FPCs will receive a bulk delivery of the guide and covering letter within the next week. FPC managers are asked to arrange distribution to general practices in accordance with the delivery advice note (copy attached).

This letter will be deleted and cancelled from the current communications index on 1 April 1991 unless notified separately. Any enquiries about this letter should be addressed to Ruth Huxley or Debby Dare, FPS1E2 Portland Court.



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Enclosure: Abridged guide -
RHA, DHA, FPC General Managers

Unabridged guide -
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Regional Pharmaceutical Officers

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To: All General Medical Practices in England

15 June 1990

Dear Doctor

**"THE ANALYSIS OF PRESCRIBING IN GENERAL PRACTICE - A GUIDE TO
AUDIT AND RESEARCH"**

"Improving Prescribing", the recent Working Paper on the indicative prescribing scheme, announced the publication of a guide to prescribing audit and research. This was written by Professor Conrad Harris, Dr Philip Heywood and Dr David Clayden and is being sent to all practices as part of the Government's initiative to promote quality prescribing. I am enclosing your practice's copy.

It offers facts, ideas and techniques useful to practices undertaking audits of their prescribing based on the information that PACT provides. For example,

- how to use PACT to help trainee GPs to analyse their prescribing;
- how to interpret PACT information about generic prescribing;
- how to take account of seasonal variations in prescribing.

All practices in England will receive an abridged guide. In addition training practices are receiving the fuller version. A free copy will be sent to other practices on completion of the request form in the abridged version. Additional unabridged copies costing £8 can be purchased from: HMSO Publications Centre, PO Box 276, London SW8 5DT or any HMSO bookshop.

We hope that you find the guide informative and a useful reference source.

Yours sincerely

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To: Family Practitioner Committees

15 June 1990

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AUDIT AND RESEARCH"**

A bulk supply of the above guide (abridged and unabridged versions) and covering letter is enclosed for distribution to all general medical practices within your area.

EL(90)MB118/FPCL126/90 sent to FPC General Managers on 14 June 1990 refers.

Action To Be Taken

Please distribute as follows:

1 abridged (blue) + one unabridged (red) + covering letter to all training practices;

1 abridged (blue) + covering letter to all other practices.

Any enquiries about this advice note should be addressed to Ruth Huxley (extension 48172) or Debby Dare (extension 48332), FPS1E2, Portland Court.

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