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General Managers of the SHAs for the London Postgraduate Teaching Hospitals) for action

cc: District General Managers
Regional SCMs (Medical Staffing)
Personnel Managers of the SHAs for the London Postgraduate Teaching Hospitals
Welsh Office

28 March 1990

Dear General Manager

ACHIEVING A BALANCE: ALLOCATION OF STAFF GRADE POSTS FROM THE CENTRAL RESERVE: 1989/90 AND PART-TIME APPOINTMENTS TO THE STAFF GRADE

Summary

This letter notifies authorities of the third and final allocation of staff grade posts from the central reserve for 1989/90 and of the decision to treat the allocation of posts as whole time equivalents (wte).

CENTRAL RESERVE

1. In my letter of 6 December 1989 (EL(89)MB216) I notified you of the distribution of the second 16 posts from the central reserve and asked you to submit bids for the final round.

2. Annex A shows the allocation of the 16 posts for the period ending January 1990. Unsuccessful bids will be carried forward to the next period.

3. Bids for the first period of 1990/91 should be sent to Miss S Creber in room 437 at the address at the head of this letter by 30 June 1990. As far as possible, posts from the central reserve will be distributed in the same proportion as the main allocation.

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4. May I remind authorities, that if they wish to establish staff grade posts over and above the number allocated to them at the start of each financial year, they should submit a bid against the central reserve. Please also ensure that each bid has regional approval before it is submitted to the Department.

PART-TIME APPOINTMENTS TO THE STAFF GRADE

5. Following the issue of the Staff Grade circular, HC(88)58 the question arose of whether Regions' allocations of Staff Grade posts represent (i) the total number of staff doctors they can employ or (ii) the whole time equivalent of staff doctors (which could therefore be split between part-time staff.)

6. At its last meeting the "Achieving a Balance" Technical Sub-Group agreed that the allocation of Staff Grade posts (both from the annual distribution and the central reserve) should be treated as a whole-time equivalent with one post equalling 10 sessions. Authorities are reminded when implementing this decision of the criteria at paragraph 7.2 of circular HC(88)58, namely that a part-time practitioner appointed to the grade contracts for an average work commitment equivalent to no more than 9 sessions a week.

7. Any enquiries about this letter should be addressed to:

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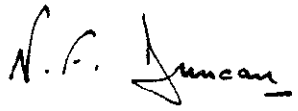
8. This letter will cease to apply after 31 March 1992.

Yours sincerely



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ANNEX A

ALLOCATION OF STAFF GRADE POSTS FROM CENTRAL RESERVE: MARCH 1990

Region	Bids submitted	Allocation
Northern	10	2
Yorkshire	8	5
North West Thames	6	2
South Western	2	2
Mersey	5	5
TOTAL	31	16