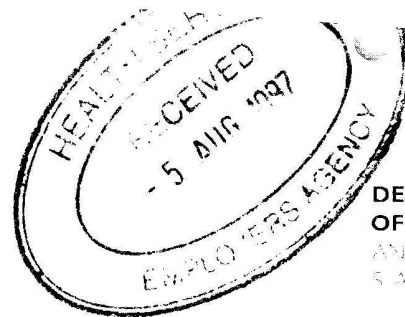


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### Acting-Up Arrangements for Psychiatric Nurses

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to this Department's letter of 26 June 1997 concerning the special arrangements for payment in relation to Acting-Up for Psychiatric Nurses.

As indicated in that letter, the rates applicable fall to be adjusted in line with general round increases. A number of enquiries have been received in relation to the impact of the October 1996 and January 1997 General Rounds (1.5% and 1% respectively). Set out below are the revised amounts incorporating increases under the PCW.

1. Psychiatric Staff Nurse acting-up at Nursing Officer 2 should receive the following allowance or the minimum of the scale, whichever is greater.

June 1996	Oct 1996	Jan 1997
1,727	1,753	1,771

2. Psychiatric Staff Nurse acting-up at Nursing Officer 1 should receive the following allowance or the minimum of the scale, whichever is greater.

June 1996	Oct 1996	Jan 1997
2,222	2,255	2,278

3. Nursing Officer 2 acting-up at Nursing Officer 1 should receive the following allowance or the minimum of the scale, whichever is greater.

June 1996	Oct 1996	Jan 1997
663	673	680

4. Nursing Officer 2 and 1 acting-up at A.C.N.O. should receive the following allowance or the minimum of the scale, whichever is greater.

June 1996	Oct 1996	Jan 1997
2,222	2,255	2,278



Attention is again drawn to the over-riding condition governing such circumstances that the acting-up allowance payable in each case together with the substantive salary cannot exceed the maximum of the scale applicable to the grade in which the Psychiatric Nurse is acting-up.

Yours sincerely,



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