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To - Chief Executive Officer
- **Each Health Board**
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Re: Annual Leave/Audiologists

The Expert Group on various health professions, in its findings in respect of Audiologists, recommended that annual leave for this grade be standardised (Recc. No. 131). Arising from same, agreement has now been reached between HSEA and IMPACT re the leave to apply for Audiologists. This will be as follows:

- **Audiologist – 25 Days**
- **Senior Audiologist – 27 Days**
- **Chief Audiologist – 29 Days**

This new level of annual leave will apply in respect of the leave year 2002 and beyond. In circumstances where retrospection falls due arising from the provisions of this agreement, local level discussions should be initiated to deal with such situations in a manner that does not adversely impact on the delivery of services.

Some locations already grant annual leave to its Audiology grades, which are in excess of the standardised arrangements agreed where such superior leave is in operation, same shall continue to obtain in these locations as heretofore.

Agencies are asked to implement these arrangements with immediate effect.

Yours sincerely,

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