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Chief Executive Officer,

St. James's Hospital, The Children's Hospital, Temple St., Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin, Mater Misericordiae Hospital, South Infirmary-Victoria Hospital, Beaumont Hospital, Western, South Eastern, North Western, and Mid-Western Health Boards.

DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND
CHILDREN
AN ROINN
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Sáirde agus Leanaí

**Re: Establishment of the post of Chief Audiologist under the
terms of the Expert Group on Various Health Professions**

I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to the recommendations of the Expert Group on Various Health Professions, in relation to the establishment, in each E.N.T./Hospital Audiology department, of the post of Chief Audiologist.

Sanction is given the creation of these posts with effect from 1 April 2000.

The pay scale with effect from 1 April 2000 was

24,092	24,942	25,792	26,642	27,492	28,342
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and, with effect from 1 October 2000 is

25,417	26,314	27,211	28,107	29,004	29,901
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As proposed by the Expert Group, the following are the criteria to be applied when creating the post of Chief Audiologist:

Applicants should:

- *have at least five years clinical diagnostic experience*
- *have a qualification [BAAT 1,2 and in the future MSc]*
- *be performing in their Department the full range of diagnostic assessments.*

In order that your non-capital allocation may be adjusted to take account of the costs involved, you are asked to complete costing forms (Appendices I & II) to reflect the funding required. Please complete and return these forms to Personnel Management and Development Unit as soon as possible.

All queries in relation to this circular should be addressed to the Health Service Employers Agency, 63/64 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. (Telephone: 01-6626966).

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Appendix 1

INCREASED COSTS ARISING FROM THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE SOCIAL WORK POSTS HERETOFORE KNOWN AS HEAD SOCIAL WORKER IN THE ERHA

Schedule for funding adjustments - 2000 (cost in respect of 1st April 2000 increase)
Please complete the following - numbers will be expected to correspond to relevant
Personnel Census figures.

Profession	Numbers Employed W.T.E.	Basic Pay Costs £	Employers PRSI £	2000 Cost
Chief Audiologists				
Total				

I confirm that the requested funding adjustment set out reflects the cost involved in the implementation of the recommendations of the Expert Group in relation to the upgrading of the above listed paramedic grades.

Signed _____

Agency _____

For agencies who have a direct funding relationship with the Department (Health Boards, ERHA etc.) please return these forms to Thomas Monks, Personnel Management and Development, Fourth Floor, Department of Health and Children. All others should return the form to the agency through which their funding is provided, for eventual transmission to the Department of Health and Children.

Appendix 11

INCREASED COSTS ARISING FROM THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE SOCIAL WORK POSTS HERETOFORE KNOWN AS HEAD SOCIAL WORKER IN THE ERHA

Schedule for funding adjustments - 2001 (full year cost of 1st April 2000 increase)
Please complete the following - numbers will be expected to correspond to relevant
Personnel Census figures.

Profession	Numbers Employed W.T.E.	Basic Pay Costs £	Employers PRSI £	2001 Cost
Chief Audiologist				
Total				

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