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Mr Donal O'Shea
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Dear Mr O'Shea

I refer to the Report of the Expert Group on Medical Laboratory Technician/Technologist Grades which was approved by Government earlier this year and which is to be funded through the reduced cost of employers' PRSI.

I understand that some hospitals in the Eastern Regional Health Authority have not yet implemented the new pay scales recommended for these grades and approved by Government. I am writing to ask you to ensure that the new pay scales are now applied as a matter of urgency, in line with the Government Decision in the matter and this Department's letters of 6 March, 2002 and 18 April, 2002. As you know, the new pay scales came into effect on 1 April, 2000 and retrospective pay should also be given. Officers of this Department will remain in contact with your office regarding progress on the matter.

Yours sincerely


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Director
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