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*Chief Executive Officer  
Bon Secours Hospital/ St Patrick's Hospital (for information)*

*Re: Introduction of Nursing Degree Programme / Transfer of Staff /  
Establishment of Centres for Nurse Education*

I attach a detailed briefing note setting out the up to date position in relation to the impending transfer of pre-registration nurse education to the third level sector together with details of arrangements relating to staff and to the creation of Centres for Nurse Education within the health service, their location and intended operational procedures and the actions which now need to be taken by employers.

In particular, I would draw your attention to the need to establish as soon as possible and no later than 29<sup>th</sup> March 2002 the intentions of Nurse Tutors in your employment as to whether they will be transferring to the affiliated University/ Institute of Technology or remaining within your employment.

As the existing Nursing Diploma programme will be phased out and existing 1<sup>st</sup> year students will continue in 2002/3 and 2003/4 to complete their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years respectively, it is recognised that there will be a significant lead-in time until Centres for Nurse Education will be fully operationalised. Steps should now commence to establish the management boards composed of employers within the geographical area of each Centre and, subsequently, fill positions as Director, Centre for Nurse Education.

Yours Sincerely,

*Martin McDonald*  
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