

Circular 125/2000

5 October 2000

Chief Executive Officer
Each Health Board/ERHA

**Implementation of Commission on Nursing
Nurse Management Structures - Mental Health Services**

I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to the recent agreement reached between employers and unions representing nurses.

The Minister's approval may be assumed to the regrading of posts of Clinical Nurse Manager 1 (formerly Deputy Nursing Officer) to Clinical Nurse Manager 2 (formerly Nursing Officer) level in the following circumstances:

- those hospital based units **where the Clinical Nurse Manager 1 is in sole charge on one shift** (i.e. where the rosters of the existing Clinical Nurse Manager 1 and Clinical Nurse Manager 2 never overlap);

- in Community Mental Health Services where no Clinical Nurse Manager 2 post exists, and where the Clinical Nurse Manager 1 has a direct reporting relationship with the Assistant Director of Nursing.

The effective date for these regradings is 15 September 2000.

Details of the additional cost involved indicating the number and location of posts regraded should be forwarded to the Nursing Policy Division as quickly as possible.

Any queries in relation to these arrangements should be addressed to Brendan Mulligan at the Health Service Employers Agency, 63/64 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2 (01 -6626966).

Yours sincerely

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