

Circular Ref. 45/2002

15 October 2002

Chief Executive Officer
Each Health Board

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I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to circular ref. 41/2002 dated 4th October 2002. Approval for the final (4%) phase of the Public Service Pay agreement under the Programme for Prosperity and Fairness (PPF) is hereby conveyed.

The Minister now conveys approval for the implementation of a 4% increase effective from **1 October, 2002** to the sessional rate payable to **Psychiatrists** as part of the assessment teams engaged by Health Boards for the diagnosis and assessment of mental handicap. The Minister's sanction may be assumed to the payment of €124.89 per 3 hour session (and pro-rata) with effect from **1 October 2002**.

Special rates for clinics held outside a radius of 25 miles

(a) For clinics of <i>less than</i> 3 hours duration	€63.00 per hour €75.84 minimum rate
(b) For clinics of <i>not less than</i> 3 hours	€187.46 for the first three hours €126.16 for 3 hour sessions in excess of 3 hrs

These rates apply in respect of members of the teams attending clinics on their own; however where two or more members attend jointly at the same clinic, the combined sessional rate may be increased by 35% to allow for subsequent case conference and reporting. Travelling expenses (for one car) and subsistence at the currently approved rates may also be allowed to the voluntary organisation for which the team has been engaged. The health board should ensure that at least six children are available for assessment at each clinic arranged in the area.

Yours sincerely,



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