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DEPARTMENT
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Chief Executive Officer
Mid-Western Health Board

Quality Assurance
Cervical Screening Programme

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 fee payable to General Practitioners participating in Phase One of the National Cervical Screening Programme for each smear taken as a consequence of that programme.

Subject to the level of unsatisfactory smears not exceeding 12% and subject to strict adherence to the quality assurance targets for G.P.s specified in the document "Quality Assurance for the Irish National Cervical Screening Programme" the following revised fee should be paid to G.P.s participating in Phase One of the National Cervical Screening Programme:

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1 April 2001 2%	40.99
1 October 2001 5.5%	43.25
1 October 2002 4%	44.98

Yours sincerely,



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