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**Ref: Circular 7/2004 Payment of the First (25%) Phase of Benchmarking  
Increases under the Parallel Benchmarking Process**

A Chara,

I wish to confirm that the letter of sanction, Circular 7/2004, related solely to the first (25%) phase of the parallel benchmarking increases due to craftworkers and non-nursing personnel under Sustaining Progress from 1 December, 2001.

Payment of both the 3% Sustaining Progress general round increase and the second (50%) phase of the parallel benchmarking increases to craftworkers and non-nursing grades are **not** due for payment at this time.

These payments are dependent on verification of satisfactory achievement of modernisation and change by the Health Services Performance Verification Group over the coming months.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Nuala Coleman at tel. 01 6354058.

Yours sincerely,



cc Paula Mullin  
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