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24 June 1998

Chief Executive Officer  
each Health Board

Secretary/Manager  
St. Vincent's Hospital, Fairview

DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH AND  
CHILDREN

**Re: Psychiatric Nurses, Community Based Facilities**

Dear Chief Executive Officer / Secretary/Manager,

I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to previous correspondence from the Health Service Employers Agency and Departmental circular reference 66/98 (23 June 1998) regarding the Revision of Fees and Allowances Payable to Nursing Staff.

Revised arrangements have been agreed between the HSEA, SIPTU and the PNA in relation to the transfer of psychiatric services to community-based facilities.

Full details of the revised arrangements are as notified by the HSEA to each relevant agency. Accordingly, the Community Allowance in circular 66/98 has replaced the social inconvenience allowance, responsibility allowance and the unqualified occupational therapy allowance, where these allowances had been payable by boards to nurses transferred to community settings.

Yours sincerely,



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