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DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND
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Chief Executive Officer
Each Health Board

I am directed by the Minister for Health & Children to refer 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 £94.58 (€120.091827) per 3 hour session (and pro-rata) with effect from **1 October 2001**.

Special rates for clinics held outside a radius of 25 miles


(a) For clinics of <i>less than</i> 3 hours duration	£ 47.71 (€60.579204) per hour £ 57.43 (€72.921058) minimum rate
(b) For clinics of <i>not less than</i> 3 hours	£141.96 (€180.252018) for the first three hours £95.54 (€121.310776) for 3 hour sessions in excess of 3 hrs

The reason for rounding hourly/sessional rates to six places of decimals is to avoid the minor discrepancies that could arise if the hourly/sessional rate were rounded to cent. [Of course, the hourly/sessional rate, when converted and rounded to six places, should be multiplied by the number of hours worked and the resulting total rounded to cent for actual payment and accounting purposes]. Reversion to normal practice - i.e. that hourly/sessional rates are rounded to three places of decimals - should take place when the first pay increase due after 1 January, 2002 is being applied;

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 whom 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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Philip Doran

Personnel Management & Development

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DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND
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Chief Executive Officer
Each Health Board

GENERAL PRACTICE VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

I am directed by the Minister for Health and Children to refer to the Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Employment between the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and Employers Organisations which forms part of the Programme for Prosperity and Fairness.

The Minister now conveys approval for the implementation of a 5.5% increase effective from **1 October, 2001.**

A revised sessional (3hrs) rate of **£100.48 (€127.583282)** is payable to Directors and Assistant Directors of the General Practice Vocational Training Scheme with effect from the **1 October, 2001.**

Yours sincerely



Philip Doran
Personnel Management & Development

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Chief Executive Officer
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Re: Psychiatrist Special Responsibility Allowance

I refer to this Department's letter of 16th February 1994 which approved a special responsibility allowance to the grade of non-consultant Psychiatrist with effect from 1 January, 1994.

Further to the Agreement on Pay and Conditions of Employment between the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and Employers Organisations which performs part of the Programme for Prosperity and Fairness, the Minister for Health and Children now conveys approval for the implementation of a 5% increase effective from **1 October, 2001**.

A revised rate of **£6,632 (€8,420.90)** per annum is payable with effect from **1 October, 2001**.

Yours sincerely



Philip Doğan
Personnel Management & Development