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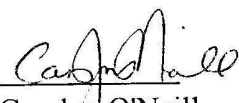
I am directed by the Minister for Health & Children to refer to the sessional rate payable to **Psychiatrists** as part of the assessment teams engaged by Health Boards for the diagnosis and assessment of mental handicap. The Minister's sanction may be assumed to the payment of £81.27 per 3 hour session (and pro-rata) with effect from 1 July 1998.

Special rates for clinics held outside a radius of 25 miles

(a) For clinics of <i>less than</i> 3 hours duration	£ 40.99 per hour £ 49.35 minimum rate
(b) For clinics of <i>not less than</i> 3 hours	£121.97 for the first three hours £82.09 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 maybe 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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