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SUPRA REGIONAL SERVICES FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS 1985/86
 TIMETABLE FOR 1986/87

Following recommendations from the Supra Regional Services Advisory Group, the Secretary of State has agreed that the services and units set out at Annex A to this letter should be designated as Supra Regional for 1985/86. Regions were notified of funding levels for these services in 1985/86 in Mr Lillywhite's letter of 16 January about cash limits; Annex A also gives additional information on the Secretary of State's decisions on the funding levels and on the future development of the services.

The Advisory Group has now established a timetable for its consideration both of future funding levels for existing designated services and of new applications for designation.

a. Applications for new services to be designated as Supra Regional for 1986/87 should be received by the Secretariat by 30 April for consideration by the Group at its meeting in June. Applications currently with the Department will be considered by the Group at that meeting and no further action is required in respect of them. Applications can only be considered if they are submitted by Regional or Special Health Authorities, and the information required in their support and the criteria against which they will be judged are set out in Annex B of HN(83)36.

b. Information on workload and expenditure for services already designated as supra regional should be provided by 30 June. In order to provide a consistent approach it would be helpful if regions would complete the attached forms for each designated unit in the region. The completed forms should be sent to Mr M Staniforth, Room 615 Friars House, 157/168 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8EU. Where information is not provided for particular units or services, the Advisory Group will have no option but to base its recommendations on such existing data as is available.

Sir John Nabarro has now left the Advisory Group and his place has been taken by Mr A H Graham, and Dr A McGregor has replaced Dr A J Lane as the representative of Regional Medical Officers.

Further information on the funding of supra regional services may be obtained from Mr Staniforth and on Advisory Group procedures from me; we may be contacted by telephone on 01-703 6380 at extensions 4397 and 3359 respectively.

Yours sincerely

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 Supra Regional Services

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