

Circular 2/96: Guidelines on Role of GP Unit Doctors

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To: Programme Manager, Community Care, Each Health Board.

Re: Guidelines on Role of GP Unit Doctors

Dear Programme Manager,

I refer to a meeting between Officers of this Department and the Programme Managers, Community Care, in Athlone recently at which guidelines on the role of the GP Unit doctors were discussed.

As promised I now enclose some suggested guidelines and would be glad if you could bring them to the attention of your officers dealing with general practice developments.

Yours sincerely,

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General Practice Units - Role of GP Unit Doctors

Some guidelines to be followed are suggested as follows:

- Recording and reporting visits to GP'S
- Assessment of effectiveness of visits
- Making at least two visits to each GP per annum or two contacts with groups, with priority to GP's who are Group A and over budget
- Identification of, and assistance to, GP's who have specific or general prescribing problems
- Maintenance of awareness amongst Unit GP's about their management role and responsibility for their group budget
- Development of close working relationship between general practitioners and community pharmacists
- Providing GP Unit with information on general practice services in their area
- Liaising closely with all GP Professional groups in area

- Providing leadership, and initiative in implementing proposals in the blueprint document and the Health Strategy
- To be aware of opportunities to improve co-operation amongst GP's and improve services to patients
- Liaison with Hospitals and other community based services
- Ensuring that they have "office" and "presence" in Health Board premises