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**SECTION 64 GENERAL SCHEME GRANTS 1999-2000 :
SUBMISSION FROM BRANCH HSD1**

Introduction

1. This submission seeks Ministers' agreement to the 1999-2000 General Scheme expenditure plans for Branch HSD1. Of the Divisional allocation of ££6.967m agreed by Ministers, this Branch's allocation is £382,072.

Background

2. HSD1 has policy responsibility for a range of services including blood, ambulances, accident and emergency, winter pressures, intensive care units,

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emergency services in the community, surgery and anaesthesia, pathology and imaging. The grant aid is to voluntary bodies involved with some of this work.

Expenditure plans

3 The Branch expenditure plans are shown in the following Annexes:-

Annex A lists, by sponsor section, all previously approved commitments for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

Annex B details new and renewal grants recommended for award which can be met from within the branch's allocation.

Annex C As there are no applications for rejection, there is no annex C.

Summary of expenditure plans (£)

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Annex A	£203,004	£150,000	nil
Annex B	£234,000	£217,600	nil

Total (must not exceed branch allocation)	£437,004	(to be decided in 1999)	(to be decided in 2000)
Branch allocation	£437,004	(to be decided in 1999)	(to be decided in 2000)

Ministers' funding principles

4. Renewal core grants has only been awarded in certain limited circumstances: ie when Ministers are satisfied that continued funding is essential to maintain a service of national significance which meets important Ministerial policy objectives and priorities and which could not be met in any other appropriate way. If a recommendation of a renewal core grant is considered justified, a special case is made, as follows.

Renewed core grants to the Macfarlane and Eileen Trusts, and a project bid from the Macfarlane Trust are recommended. Both Trusts receive core grants for the costs of administering the special payment schemes established by Government to make special payments to those infected with HIV through treatment with blood or blood products. The Macfarlane Trust makes payments to those with haemophilia, the Eileen Trust makes payments to non-haemophiliacs. The Macfarlane Trust provides an administrative service to the Eileen Trust. Given the nature of the Government commitment to the schemes, we plan to examine alternative vehicles for covering the administrative costs, but for the coming year they are unlikely to have been identified.

In addition, the Macfarlane Trust has submitted a bid for a project grant to complete a strategic review of their work. They were invited to submit the bid by Lady Hayman, after a request for additional funds in 1998/99 could not be met within the S.64 budget. The strategic review has been prompted by a significant change in the death rate and consequent life expectancy of the remaining HIV registrants, following the introduction of

new treatments. Those infected with HIV through blood or blood products are living longer, but have to deal with different, psycho-social, problems, which may affect the way in which the Trust can best help them.

It would be publicly embarrassing if the administrative costs of the two Trusts were not to be covered. Equally, it would not seem sensitive to turn down the project application when some encouragement has been given, and when the project is a practical one designed to make the best use of the monies which the Trust receives and disburses.

Next steps

5. Subject to Ministers' endorsement of the Branch expenditure plans, voluntary organisations will be notified of the outcome of their applications.

Agreement sought

6. Minister is asked to agree the Branch expenditure plans as set out at Annex B.

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