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Dear Colleagues

**INTERIM MILEAGE ALLOWANCE RATES FOR CONSULTANTS AND HOSPITAL  
MEDICAL AND DENTAL STAFF AND DOCTORS IN PUBLIC HEALTH MEDICINE  
AND THE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE AND DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH  
STAFF**

1. Nationally agreed mileage rates have not been uplifted since 2000 and have fallen some way behind traditional comparators. A joint sub-group of the NHS Staff Council is reviewing NHS mileage allowances but is not due to report until March 2008. Pending the outcome of the joint review, NHS Employers has provided interim guidance on mileage allowances to all NHS organisations in England.

Since November 2000, the price of an unleaded litre of petrol has increased by an average of around 20 pence per litre. Though mileage allowances alone are not meant to compensate staff for the full range of their motoring costs while on

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<sup>1</sup> Health and Social Services Boards, HSC Trusts, the Central Services Agency (CSA), the Health Promotion Agency, the Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service Agency, the Northern Ireland Regional Medical Physics Agency, the Northern Ireland Guardian Ad Litem Agency, the Northern Ireland Practice & Education Council for Nursing and Midwifery (NIPEC), the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC), the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency (NIMDTA) and the Northern Ireland Regulation and Improvement Authority.

official business, it is clear that increases like these in the costs of all types of fuel have been significant.

### **Interim Arrangements**

2. These arrangements will apply to Schedule 21 of the Consultant Terms and Conditions of Service (Northern Ireland) 2004 and paragraphs 277 – 304 of the Hospital Medical and Dental Staff and Doctors in Public Health Medicine and the Community Health Service (Northern Ireland) Terms and Conditions of Service, and are effective from 1 January 2008. Details of the interim arrangements are as follows:

The “regular user” mileage rate for staff travelling up to 9,000 miles per year on official business, in cars up to 1,000cc should be increased from 27 pence to **29.7 pence per mile** and after 9,000 miles per year from 16.2 pence to **17.8 pence per mile**;

The “regular user” mileage rate for staff travelling up to 9,000 miles per year on official business, in cars between 1,001cc and 1,500cc should be increased from 33.5 pence to **36.9 pence per mile** and after 9,000 miles per year from 18.3 pence to **20.1 pence per mile**.

### **Enquiries**

3. Employees should direct personal enquiries to their employer. Any enquiries that cannot be resolved locally should be directed to Pay and Employment Unit or by email to: [p&e@dhsspsni.gov.uk](mailto:p&e@dhsspsni.gov.uk).

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Yours sincerely



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