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Dear Colleague

**HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR THE ACUTELY ILL CHILD IN NORTHERN IRELAND  
REPORT OF A WORKING GROUP 1999**

You will be aware of the above report produced to review provision of services for the acutely ill child.

It has come to the Department's attention that the levels of support available in A & E departments to manage an acutely ill child vary across Trusts.

We are writing to seek your assurance that any hospital within your Trust, which may receive an acutely ill infant or child, has a sufficient number of staff trained in Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS) to ensure that at all times an emergency situation can be dealt with appropriately.

Thank you for giving your attention to this important matter.

Yours sincerely

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cc: Chief Executives of HSS Boards  
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