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Dear Colleagues

**SPECIALTY DOCTORS AND ASSOCIATE SPECIALISTS CONTRACT -
REGIONAL JOB PLANNING GUIDANCE**

Please find attached regional guidance on Job Planning for Specialty Doctors and Associate Specialists moving to the new 2008 contracts.

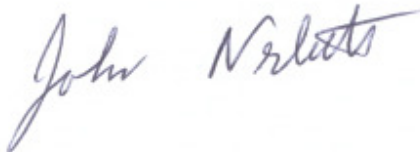
The guidance was developed by a sub group of the SAS contract implementation working group which included representation from the BMA, Department and Trusts, and has been agreed by the main group. The Department commends the guidance to all Trusts.

The new contracts were introduced from April 2008. Trusts should now be taking urgent steps to complete the job planning processes for doctors moving to the new contracts. The new guidance should help ensure that the process is effectively managed across all Trusts.

The Department will be closely monitoring uptake of the new contracts over the coming weeks through the SAS Contract Implementation Working Group.

Copies of this circular can be obtained from the Department's website at www.dhsspsni.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "John Nesbitt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the name.

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