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To: All Regional General Managers
All District General Managers
General Managers of London Postgraduate SHAs
Administrators of Family Practitioner Committees
Secretaries of Community Health Councils

24 August 1988

Dear General Manager/Administrator/Secretary

AIDS AND HIV PREVENTION

The purpose of this letter is to draw the attention of health authorities to the outcome of the World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programmes for AIDS Prevention which was jointly organised by Her Majesty's Government and the World Health Organisation and was held in London from 26-28th January 1988 and to the intention of the WHO to designate 1 December 1988 as World AIDS Day.

World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programmes for AIDS Prevention

Enclosed is a copy of the Summit Proceedings. This includes the text of the 'London Declaration' which was unanimously adopted by Delegates to the Summit. The Declaration accepts the need for Governments to take urgent action to implement the WHO's Global AIDS Strategy and to devise national programmes to prevent and contain the spread of infection. The Declaration also emphasises the need to protect the rights and dignity of HIV infected people and those with AIDS.

I would be grateful, therefore, if you would take steps to bring this letter and the Summary of the Summit Proceedings to the attention of your Authority and to ensure consideration is given to it by those directly involved in the planning locally of AIDS prevention programmes.

Further copies of the Summit Proceedings can be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office priced £12. Hardcover copies from Customer Service Department Pergamon Press plc, Headington Hill Hall, Oxford OX3 0BW, priced £20.00 [ISBN 0 08 036142 0 (Pergamon; Hardcover)].

World AIDS Day - 1 December 1988

The World Health Organisation has designated 1 December 1988 as World AIDS Day, to focus national and international attention on action taken following the Summit. It is important that the United Kingdom should play a full role in the World AIDS Day, and that Health Authorities consider the contribution they can make in co-operation with other local statutory and voluntary organisations.

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In order for the Department to be able to report back to the WHO on the UK response, it would be most helpful to have information about particular activities in the field of prevention that Authorities would wish to have highlighted. Details should be sent to Roger Tyrrell, DHSS AIDS Unit, Room D609, Alexander Fleming House, London SE1 6BY.

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Yours sincerely

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