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Dear Jane

## **Hours of Availability**

Due to their PCG role, I have received the revised hours of commitment from two PCG Chairs.

Please could you send me your revised hours as from 1 April 1999.

I draw attention to HSC 1998/190 which allows Health Authorities to modify the rule 'so that a GP can be available for 26 hours over 4 days, even if the time available to patients on the 4th day is less than on the other 3.' It is expected that you devote at least 16 hours to normal surgery and/or clinic sessions over the 4 days that you are available.

I thank you in advance for this information and will change the medical directory when I receive your times.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Smith Head of Corporate Services

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