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RE: DEPOT PROVERA - ITS USE WITH WARDS OF STATE

I was glad that Mr. Bruce Anderson attended on 23.10.79 with us at Winlaton the seminar by the Director of the Family Planning Clinic, Dr. Ken Waldron, on subject. We had in attendance Welfare Officers from the Regions as well as teachers and other interested people.

My last note to you about depot provera was 16 August 1979 to the attention of Mr. Bruce Anderson. In it I promised to work with Sister Margaret Donagan and Dr. Heather Manning to prepare for you our position on the use of this contraceptive injection for young women at Winlaton. This has been done and I have enclosed with this letter a copy of our Policy and Procedures; these were reviewed by Heather and Dr. Ken Waldron to their satisfaction. It is my understanding from Bruce's letter to me 27 July 1979 that on receipt of this document he would seek through you final approval for the use of this contraceptive at Winlaton. I respectfully request that Bruce acquire this for us.

While our Policy and Procedures represent as many safeguards as possible for the use of depot provera, which is not banned in Australia, Margaret has again contacted Dr. Warner Slack, Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard/Beth Israel Hospital, Massachusetts, to request from him a comparative, computer analysis of the side effects of the use of depot provera as compared with the combined Oestrogen/progesterone contraceptive pill. (copy enclosed). I feel, as does Margaret, that we can never have too much information about this subject.

We wait final approval via Bruce from our Department for the use of depot provera. Many thanks.

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Enclosures.

c.c. MR BRUCE ANDERSON  
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b.c.c. SUPERINTENDENTS (3) (Please share)