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CIRCULARGENERAL INSTRUCTION TO ALL HOSPITALS NO. 1695(Last General Instruction to all Hospitals No. 1694)TREATMENT OF CHILDREN SUSPECTED OF
BEING NEGLECTED OR ILL-TREATED

Following the recent remarks of a Coroner, the assistance of hospitals has been sought in reporting to the local Police or Child Welfare Authorities suspected cases of neglect or ill-treatment of children.

When examination of any child suggests that it could be the victim of ill-treatment or neglect, necessary medical treatment should be instituted and careful clinical notes recorded by the medical officer concerned. If possible, a second medical officer should also record his independent findings.

Where the medical officer(s) are of the opinion that ill-treatment or neglect may have contributed to the child's illness or injury, a confidential verbal report should be made by the Hospital to the local Police and/or Child Welfare Authorities who will be responsible for any further enquiry or action.

The attention of hospitals is also drawn to the contents of Circular No. 929 concerning neglected children in respect of the parents' refusal to continue medical treatment or assume responsibilities for a child when such child is ready to be discharged from hospital.

PLEASE PLACE ON FILE NO. H 18655 AND
LEAVE AT PRESENT MARKING.

RECORDS.

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A.R. FROST,
Secretary.

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