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Dear Sir/Maellam

Re: National Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy

I have recently received a copy of Dr John Potokar's letter to you dated 13 January 2003.

I would like to echo the sentiments of his letter. The Department of Liaison Psychiatry in Cardiff sees many individuals who are misusing alcohol and could potentially benefit from brief interventions. Indeed to that end we are at present putting together a business case for a general hospital based substance misuse service in partnership with the local statutory addictions services. I believe that the national strategy should emphasize the need for all general hospitals to routinely employ alcohol link workers.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss the contents of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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