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Dear Prime Minister,

DRUG MISUSE

You sent me a copy of your letter of 13 September to Leon Brittan on this matter.

The indications are that the misuse of drugs in Northern Ireland is much less prevalent than in other parts of the United Kingdom. We are not, however, complacent about the position and will continue to monitor the situation closely. Accordingly a Northern Ireland Committee on Drug Misuse is in the process of being established, the functions of which will be to monitor and assess the effectiveness of existing services, to suggest preventive measures and to encourage their promotion in the field of health education.

We are also keeping abreast of developments in Great Britain and a senior official from the Department of Health and Social Services in Northern Ireland (which takes the lead responsibility on matters relating to drug misuse in the Province) is a member of David Mellor's Ministerial Group.

I am copying this letter to Geoffrey Howe, Nigel Lawson, Leon Brittan, George Younger, Norman Fowler, Keith Joseph and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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