November 27th 2002

To Staff and Members of CHCs

Dear Colleagues,

This is a personal message. I leave ACHCEW on 5th December for a holiday before starting my new job at Action for Victims of Medical Accidents (AVMA) on 2nd January. Whilst I am looking forward to my new job at AVMA, an organisation which shares the same kinds of principles as CHCs, I am sad not to be able to be with the CHC movement at the end. I feel privileged to have been part of something very special with CHCs and ACHCEW. I would like to thank all of you for your encouragement and support, and wish you well for the future. If there's an invite available for a final CHC bash, I'll be there!

You have a good team to represent and support you over the coming months here at ACHCEW. The Staff, Standing Committee and the Honorary Officers who you elected. We have selected my successor, Malcolm Alexander. I will have had the opportunity to brief Malcolm fully before I go. We are awaiting confirmation of when his secondment can go ahead to allow him to take over the reigns as Director.

Very best wishes for what ever the future holds. I hope I will have the opportunity to work with many of you on shared causes in the future.

Yours sincerely

Peter Walsh Director