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Dear Mr. Arculli,

I am a medical officer working in the AED in Ruttonjee Hospital.

I went to help in PMH ICU since 10.4.03 till late May.

It was very sad to witness many, including those young and fit, died because of 'Inadequate Care' in the 'Intensive Care' Unit of PMH.

One aspect was the inadequate manpower for the first 2 weeks in April there. Adequate manpower arrived only after midApril.

But I knew there were many staff volunteer to help at the very early stage of SARS outbreak, but only because of inefficient co-ordination that they could not give a helping hand.

May I suggest formation of a Special Duty Unit within HA after the present SARS lesson to avoid unnecessary loss of life again.

HA SDU

1. Aim : to handle any major event that require a very efficient mobilization of staff among various HA hospitals e.g. future outbreak of infectious disease, leakage of radioactive substance, civil disaster
2. Staff : voluntary staff from various hospitals that are willing to work under risky situation and be deployed to a new working environment at very short notice.
3. Communication : a contact list and e-mail address of the staff
4. Training : a. 1 day seminar every 6 to 12 months, and / or
b. training in the net

Thank you for your attention !

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