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**SUBJECT: QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN/YOUTH WITH
MEDICAL NEEDS IN HOSPITAL OR AT HOME**

Dear Sirs,

Further to the visit of the delegation of the Hospital Organisation of Pedagogues In Europe – H.O.P.E. at the Ministry of Education and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia and with reference to your letter of 12 November 2007 we are sending you hereby the answers to the questionnaire on the education of children/youth with medical needs in hospital or at home:

1. Children suffering from illness are treated by the Basic School Act (1996; last revision 2007) as children with special needs and can therefore get special educational support through special arrangements (remedial teachers and additional teaching hours, home schooling). Basic education is also provided for children of compulsory school age in hospitals. Pupils attend hospital school or teachers visit them at their homes. In-hospital classes are organized in 11 basic (public) schools in Slovenia. The geographical distribution of hospital schools gives the opportunity to children all over Slovenia to receive basic education in hospital if their parents agree. Schools are funded entirely by the State and the municipalities.
2. In-hospital classes are inspected by an inspectorate when their central school is inspected. The law also stipulates that “periodical observation of teachers in classes with the intention of improving their work” is one of the head-teacher’s duty, so teachers in hospital schools are evaluated on an individual basis by their school heads.
3. We have no statistics relating to number of pupils who have had to stay an extra school year because of illness.
4. There are no regular specialized courses for hospital teachers. Knowledge about teaching children suffering from illness is included in study of Special and Rehabilitation Pedagogy. Hospital teachers in

Slovenia are organized in a study group where they discuss the problems of tuition for sick children and exchange their experiences.

We hope that the above information will contribute to your international survey on the education of children/youth with medical needs in hospital or at home.

Yours faithfully,



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