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Dear Colleague

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**A SCOTTISH HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT
CENTRE (SHTAC): A REPORT OF THE
IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP**

1. Please find attached copies of the Report of the Scottish Health Technology Assessment Centre Implementation Working Group and the Executive Summary.

Summary

2. The White Paper, '*Designed to Care*', proposed that an organisation should be established to "*evaluate and provide advice to the NHS on cost-effectiveness of all innovations in health care including new drugs*". Following the consultation period earlier this year, a SHTAC Implementation Working Group, chaired by Dr Angus Mackay, was established to develop and take forward a detailed implementation plan for the proposed Centre.
3. Further copies of the report can be obtained from <http://www.show.scot.nhs.uk> (Publications) or by telephoning 0131 244 2839.

Action

4. Health Board General Managers, NHS Trust Chief Executives, Lead GPs of LHCCs and Local Health Council Chief Officers are asked to ensure that this report is brought to the attention of appropriate colleagues.

Yours sincerely

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