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Dear Colleague

MRSA KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – APRIL 2013

As colleagues will be aware, the MRSA Screening Working Group has been working with NHS Boards to pilot data collection using the MRSA KPI Tool which is currently available for use by all Boards. Boards have been encouraged to utilise the tool during February and March, which were treated as a bedding-in period for its use as part of a phased introduction of the tool.

This letter is to confirm the expectation that NHS Boards are to commence collecting these data with effect from 1 April 2013 as per the KPI Protocol (issued to MRSA Leads on 6th February by Health Protection Scotland (HPS), with further copies available by emailing NSS.HPSMRSAScreening@nhs.net). To ensure that CRA based-screening is as effective as universal screening, a minimum of 90% compliance with application of the clinical risk assessment is required.

At a national level, HPS will publish an aggregated compliance score, over a 4 quarter period, within their Annual Surveillance of Healthcare Associated Infection Report from 2014. The aggregated score will be adjusted to take into account the different population sizes covered by Boards.

Following discussions between the Scottish Government and HPS it has been agreed that there will not be a mandatory requirement to report CRA Compliance within the HAI Reporting Template (HAIRT) and that the protocol will be amended to reflect this. HPS will contact any Board with less than 90% compliance in any quarter to discuss the local data submitted; this may be escalated to the Scottish Government if there is a serious concern that the screening policy is not being

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implemented effectively, but there is an expectation that this would only occur in exceptional circumstances. HPS will confirm the threshold for escalation to the Scottish Government by end June 2013.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please contact Andrew Wilkinson (Andrew.wilkinson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or call 0131 244 5998.

Yours sincerely



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