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Dear Colleague

## NHSSCOTLAND CONSULTANTS – DISTINCTION AWARDS AND DISCRETIONARY POINTS SCHEMES

### Summary

1. This letter is to confirm that the nineteenth Annual Report (2017-18) of the Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards (SACDA) has been published. The report is available from the SACDA Website or from the following link

<http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/publications/DC20181221SACDA.pdf>

It also advises on arrangements for the Discretionary Points scheme and the 5 yearly reviews for Distinction Award holders in 2019-20.

### Five-yearly review of Distinction Awards

2. The Scottish Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards (SACDA) will undertake the five-yearly review of awards as normal in 2019-20. SACDA will write to all consultants who are directly affected by the review. Full guidance on the scheme, together with the deadline for the submission of the review CV forms, will be available on the SACDA website.

### Discretionary Points Scheme for Consultants

3. NHS Boards, Special Health Boards and NHS National Services Scotland (Common Services Agency) are advised that this annual exercise will go ahead as normal in 2019-20 for work undertaken in 2018-19.

### Action

4. NHS Boards, Special Health Boards and NHS National Services Scotland (Common Services Agency) are asked to ensure that this letter is drawn to the attention of all interested parties.

5. Employers are asked to make their own arrangements for obtaining additional copies of this Director's Letters (DL) which can be viewed at [www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk).

Yours sincerely

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