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Dear Colleague

NHSScotland Better Blood Transfusion Objectives 2011-12

The Scottish Clinical Transfusion Advisory Committee (SCTAC) has recently taken over the responsibility for stakeholder governance from the Better Blood Transfusion (BBT) Programme Steering Group previously chaired by Dr Charles Swainson.

The successes enjoyed by the NHSScotland BBT programme has seen an year-on-year increase in the number of staff trained in Safe Transfusion Practice, a reduction in the number of blood components issued and increasing uptake of initiatives aimed at optimizing blood use. We recognise the enormous efforts employed by the local hospital transfusion team members and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved.

I enclose a copy of the 2011/12 NHSS Board BBT objectives and key performance indicators for 2011/12 for your information. We would welcome any feedback either via your hospital transfusion committee or directly to my self. The objectives have also been shared with your local hospital transfusion teams; our aim is to review progress against the objectives at future SCTAC meetings.

The Scottish Clinical Transfusion Advisory Committee and the BBT central programme team will continue to support the hospital transfusion teams by providing education and training resources, subject matter expertise and regular reports on training activity, blood use and wastage data to facilitate continuous improvements projects and initiatives.

We look forward to your continuing support in maintaining safe, appropriate and effective transfusion practice in your Board.

Yours

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Mr RR Jeffrey (Chair)
Scottish Clinical Transfusion Advisory Committee