

NHS Board Chief Executives

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Our Ref Audit Report Covering Letter
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Dear Colleague

PUBLICATION OF THE NATIONAL HAND HYGIENE NHS CAMPAIGN COMPLIANCE WITH HAND HYGIENE – AUDIT REPORT

Please find attached the National Hand Hygiene NHS Campaign Compliance with Hand Hygiene – Audit Report. **This report must be regarded as confidential and embargoed until the publication date of 8th October 2008.**

The report contains results by NHS Boards and by staff groups and you can review the results of your own Board on page 17.

The overall result for hand hygiene compliance for this 2nd Quarter audit period 2008 was 90% (4th to 15th August 2008). Compliance percentages within NHS Boards ranged from 85% to 98%. Overall results for compliance with hand hygiene opportunities between staff groups ranged from 80%-94%.

For your information we are currently working on messages to go out to NHS Scotland reiterating the important of hand hygiene at the point of care in particular and the solutions to be used when performing hand hygiene, including the appropriate use of alcohol hand rubs and liquid soap and warm water. We will be in touch with you again about this shortly.

The report, along with the “Your questions answered” document (which is also attached), will be on the HPS website at 9.30 am on 8th October 2008. The link for this is:

<http://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/haic/ic/nationalhandhygienecampaign.aspx>



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Yours faithfully



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