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Dear Colleague

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

Following the letter dated 26 November from Ian Crichton, Chief Executive of NSS alerting you to the above, please find attached the first 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 27 December 2007.**

The report contains results by NHS Boards and by staff groups and you can review the results of your own Board on pages 7 and 17. Overall for Scotland compliance with hand hygiene in the first audit period was 68%, and for the 2nd audit period it was 79%.

Looking forward, at the HAI and Patient Experience Conference on 26 November 2007, the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing expressed her wish to see compliance reach 90% by November 2008. In order to achieve this aim, CNO (2007) 1 advises the new HAI Task Force delivery plan that the national hand hygiene campaign should continue and that its focus will shift towards improving hand hygiene compliance in the NHS sector. One of the ways in which this will be supported is through more regular (quarterly) audits of hand hygiene within Boards. HPS will continue to work with Boards to support their hard work.

The report, along with other documents listed below will be on the HPS website at 9.30 am on 27 December 2007. The link for this is <http://www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/haiic/ic/nationalhandhygienecampaign.aspx>

Also attached at this time are the following documents;

- § Your questions answered – which aims to explain background information on hand hygiene and the reports findings.
- § NSS, HPS News Release – this will be released to the press on 27th December 2007 and may be useful at Board level when liaising with your own communications departments and speaking to local press.

Contact details for those who will answer queries can be found in the News Release.

Yours faithfully



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