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SNBTS Regional Directors

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- Dr A Young
- Mr John Adey, NBA
- Dr Angela Robinson, NBA
- Dr F Ala, Birmingham BTS

Dear Colleague

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Following our meeting in the Scottish Office on 24th May this is to confirm that official moves are now afoot to follow up the recent MSC discussions with active consideration of the steps necessary to put an appropriate look back programme into effect.

No final decision has yet been taken and we will not be starting a full scale programme until further consultations have taken place. It has been agreed that the preferred route would be via a UK-wide policy if at all possible and the establishment of this may take some weeks.

SOHHD will be in touch with DoH, John had already initiated discussions with Dr Ala's committee and with other English colleagues just before going on leave last week and I am of course continuing to keep the NBA informed of progress at our end.

In the meantime, we can be doing some useful preparatory work. Dr Gillon's pilot study which will be published shortly already forms a good preliminary basis for the planning of a more comprehensive programme. You may wish to undertake similar pilot studies in your own area to assist with your own preparations, and also to help assess the likely costs and timescales for which we should be planning.

The above is an interim update only.

John will of course be helping us with his usual co-ordinating role in all this as soon as he returns from leave.

Yours sincerely

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