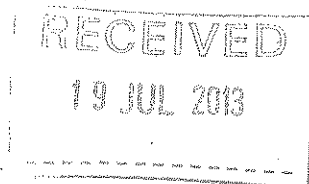


# SCOTTISH CLINICAL TRANSFUSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Dear Dr Colvin

The SNBTS Better Blood Transfusion (BBT) team are charged with providing the Scottish Clinical Transfusion Advisory Committee (SCTAC) with training reports for all healthcare professionals involved in the transfusion process. The "learnbloodtransfusion" website is accessed via NHS Learnpro.

It has been brought to the attention of SCTAC that there is evidence of limited compliance with transfusion training for middle grade medical staff. Reported compliance for March 2013 was 37%.

While improvements in transfusion safety have been made (see Serious Hazards of Transfusion annual reports), sampling (Wrong Blood in Tube) and administration errors persist, with potentially life-threatening consequences for patients.

The Committee ask for your support in ensuring that all medical staff involved in the transfusion process have up to date training via the learnbloodtransfusion modules on NHS Learnpro.

Your help with this matter would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J Jeffrey". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mr Robert J Jeffrey (Chair)  
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