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Dear Colleague

**JOINT MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL/CHIEF  
SCIENTIST OFFICE RESEARCH GRANTS**

**Summary**

1. This circular draws the attention of Health Boards to the MRC scheme for joint funding of research projects addressing the interests of both the MRC and the Health Boards.

**Action**

2. Health Boards and NHS Trusts are asked to draw the attention of this circular and its enclosures to all those responsible for and involved in health research.

**Background**

3. Following the publication of the R&D Strategy for the NHS in Scotland a higher profile is being given to research and evaluation which will benefit health and the delivery of health care. The Joint Scheme with MRC, set out in this circular, represents an opportunity for NHS staff to co-operate in relevant research and will also increase significantly the access of clinical scientists and health services researchers to both regional and UK research funds. The current local priorities for Health and Health Services Research are contained in the Chief Scientist Office Corporate Plan and R&D Strategy for the NHS in Scotland but, for convenience, are listed in the annex to the enclosed MRC leaflet. Professional staff at the Chief Scientist Office will be happy to discuss the scheme and possible research proposals with potential applicants from any discipline. The relevant

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Yours sincerely

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