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Dear Colleague

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SCOTTISH NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

REPORT ON HIP FRACTURE

Summary

1. A Report on Hip Fracture prepared by the Scottish Needs Assessment Programme (SNAP) is attached.
2. The Report addresses the nature of the condition, epidemiology and costs, the management of hip fracture and quality issues, and makes a number of recommendations about the provision of care to ensure good outcomes and quality of life for hip fracture patients.

Action

3. Health Boards should use this Report when assessing local needs, in discussions with Trusts and General Practitioner practices in devising Health Improvement Programmes, and in reviewing health promotion and prevention strategies.

Yours sincerely

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