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Dear Colleague,

Information for the attention of ACCEA Gold Award Holders applying for Platinum awards in 2010

Dame Professor Sally Davies wrote to NIHR Senior Investigators in early September to announce that the Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence Awards (ACCEA) has awarded NIHR nominating body status for the next three years.

A number of current Gold award holders have approached NIHR to provide citations on their behalf. NIHR cannot nominate for ACCEA platinum awards. However, we can provide citations to ACCEA on behalf of Gold award holders seeking an up-grade to Platinum awards. We have decided to only provide citations for Senior Investigators **who have held a Gold award for five years or more.**

The NIHR nomination process will run simultaneously with ACCEA's online application process. All Gold award holders who wish to be considered for NIHR citations will be assessed by the NIHR nominating body committee chaired by Prof. Jim Neilson. Could you please confirm (if you have not done so already) that you would wish to be considered for a citation by contacting Karen Bhogal (email: Karen.bhogal@dh.gsi.gov.uk). Please include your GMC number in your email. The process for citation is the same as for nomination - that you provide NIHR with:

- By 16th October 2009: A copy of your formal ACCEA application form (if you have not completed the form, your latest draft version will suffice).
- By 16th October 2009: A covering letter/email of no more than 250 words reminding the NIHR committee of your relevant achievements in research that is directly relevant to improving the health of patients and the public. Thus, applicants should briefly include reference to:

The quality and volume of excellent research.

The relevance of the research portfolio to the health of patients and the public.

The impact of the research on improvements in healthcare and public health.

The impact of the leadership of the individual on patient and people-based research.

Full guidance on the NIHR nomination process can be found at http://www.nihr.ac.uk/faculty/Pages/faculty_senior_investigators.aspx
Please note we can only upload a nomination on your behalf if you are registered on the ACCEA system.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Cox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Dr David Cox