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Dear Dr Chantrill

Re: Grant reference 11/CTS/2-07

As you are aware, the Cancer Council NSW has made the decision not to continue its co-funding with the Cancer Institute NSW for clinical trials infrastructure. As such, the total number of positions available across the State has been reduced. These reductions are being shared across the State. At the same time, the Cancer Institute NSW has created an eligible trials portfolio as well as a proposed work rating scheme for each clinical trial.

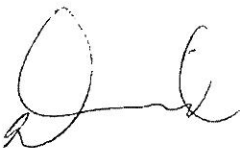
The next round of funding also comes with three year contracts but only the first of those years will be under the current scheme. From the beginning of 2013 there will be core funding together with performance payments with a plan to move to performance-based funding by the end of the three years. It is expected that as a minimum, a full time equivalent position would recruit at least 30 participants per year. There is currently wide variation of performance across the State for each full time equivalent position with the number of recruitments varying more than tenfold. The details of this will be finalised early in the New Year and fund holders alerted.

I am writing to let you know that you have been successful in achieving ongoing funding for up to 4 full time equivalent (FTE) staff.

These are resources made available to the whole Local Health District. The Cancer Institute will expect to see evidence that these resources are used to maximise recruitment to eligible studies while balancing the needs of all institutions with the potential to contribute to improved performance.

Should you have any queries in relation to this program, please contact Niki Sansey, Clinical Trials Manager (niki.sansey@cancerinstitute.org.au).

Yours sincerely



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