

From the Chief Medical Officer, Sir Liam Donaldson



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Dear Tim,

**Folic acid and colorectal cancer risk: Review of the Scientific Advisory Committee's recommendation for mandatory folic acid fortification**

Thank you for your letter of 9 October 2009, together with SACN's report and their revised recommendations on fortification of flour with folic acid.

I note that after detailed consideration of both published and unpublished evidence SACN has concluded that the evidence does not alter their previous recommendation on universal fortification of flour with folic acid.

I am grateful for the careful analysis and deliberations of the working group, and particularly thankful to the Chair, Professor Jackson.

Along with my colleagues in Scotland, Wales and N. Ireland, we will give the report and its recommendations their full consideration before advising Ministers and will keep you fully informed on our decision.

Best wishes

  
**SIR LIAM DONALDSON**  
**CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER**