

## **The Association for Clinical Biochemistry**

### **Statement from Ian Watson, Chair of the Association for Clinical Biochemistry in response to the Report from The Science Council's Science in Health Group: *Integration and Implementation of Diagnostic Technologies in Healthcare.***

The Association for Clinical Biochemistry welcomes and endorses the report by the Science in Health Group from the Science Council which advocates the implementation of testing for diagnostics includes laboratory testing to ensure safety, efficacy, cost and value are understood and contribute to patient safety.

Dr Ian Watson, Chairman of the Association for Clinical Biochemistry said: "We recognise that tests used to diagnose and monitor disease have, with new technology, an ever increasing role in the investigation and management of disease. With the increasing costs associated with testing it is vital that the effectiveness of such tests are proven to be fit for purpose. Recognition by government of the benefits of ensuring effectiveness is necessary and right for patients".

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