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National Health Service in Scotland Management Executive

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Dear Colleague

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (GENERAL MEDICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES)(SCOTLAND) AMENDMENT (NO 3) REGULATION 1992

Summary

1. The National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services (Scotland) Amendment (No 3) Regulations 1992 removes the restrictions on the advertising of pharmaceutical services by pharmacists. The amendment Regulations came into force on 22 December 1992.

Action

2. Health Boards are requested to send a copy of the Annex to this letter to all contractors on the Board's pharmaceutical list. Sufficient copies to enable this to be done are being sent under separate cover.

Yours sincerely

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Chemist Contractors

ADVERTISING OF PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES BY CHEMIST CONTRACTORS

1. This Annex advises chemist contractors of the removal of the restrictions on advertising in respect of NHS pharmaceutical services specified in the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services)(Scotland) Regulations 1974, as amended. The removal is brought about by the National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services)(Scotland) Amendment (No 3) Regulations 1992 which comes into force on 22 December 1992.
2. Removal of these restrictions will overcome any conflict between the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain's Code of Ethics and the Terms of Service in relation to advertising. It will also assist contractors wishing to publicise new services arising from the recommendations of the Report of the Working Party on the Future Role of the Community Pharmaceutical Services.
3. Any queries on this Annex should be addressed to the Health Board.

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