National Health Service in Scotland Management Executive

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Dear Colleague

DRUG AND THERAPEUTICS BULLETIN

Summary

1. This letter advises Health Boards that arrangements are in hand to provide, on a regular basis, one copy of the 'Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin', free of charge, to each Principal GP in Scotland from April 1994.

Action

- 2. Health Boards are asked to distribute <u>as quickly as possible</u> to all general medical practitioners a copy of the Memorandum to this letter. Bulk supplies of the Memorandum are being sent under separate cover.
- 3. Health Boards should send copies of the Memorandum to the Area Medical Committee, the GP Sub-Committee, CAMOs, MPAs and Pharmacist Facilitators.
- 4. This letter should be copied to Unit General Managers for information.

Yours sincerely

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The purpose of this letter is to inform general practitioners that the Department has arranged for the 'Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin' to be issued regularly and free of charge, one copy to each Principal GP in Scotland, with effect from April 1994.

The Department recognises that the Bulletin is a valuable and topical information source for doctors. It provides impartial assessments of new and existing drugs and therapies. The Bulletin is supplementary to the 'Prescribers' Journal' which will continue to be provided free of charge, as will the SMRC Bulletin.

The Bulletin generally consists of 8 pages and is issued monthly. Also, an annual one-off information review publication about a particular topic and a 5 year publication Index of earlier issues will be provided.

Please ensure that the Bulletin is circulated to all doctors in the practice.

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