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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	23 Dec 02	Consultants' Distinction Awards  Pay.  Addendum deletes age bar.  <a href="#">click here</a> to view		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> PCS(DD)2002/5 Addendum</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, Trusts and NHS Boards, CSA, NHS Educ: Post Graduate Medical Deans: Deans of Dental and Medical Faculties</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives, Health Education Board for Scotland, State Hospital.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Ms Judith Ballantine 0131-244 3778</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Judith.Ballantine@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Judith.Ballantine@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>

2	6 Jan 03	<p>National Waiting Times Database</p> <p>Guidance on the use of the National Waiting Times Database which covers eight outpatient specialties at this time. It can be searched by speciality, by area and by consultant for median waiting times.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Action/Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> General Practitioner Practices: Medical Directors of NHS Trusts.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives of NHS Boards, NHS Trusts.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> John Robertson 0131 244 2402</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:john.robertson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">john.robertson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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3	7 Jan 03	<p>General Medical Services Cost-Rent Scheme: Prescribed Percentage</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> PCA(M)(2002)22</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, Primary Care NHS Trusts and Island Health Boards.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards, CSA.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Paul Thomson 0131 244 2274</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:paul.thomson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">paul.thomson@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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4	7 Jan 03	<p>Bioterrorism Alert - Ricin Poison in the Environment</p> <p>Alert clinical and other NHS colleagues to the potential of unusual clinical illness linked to terrorist threats arising.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Action/Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Directors of Public Health: Consultants in Public Health Medicine(CD&amp;EH): Emergency Planning Officers: Medical Directors, NHS Trusts: Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health: Clinical Director, SCIEH: NHS24</p> <p><b>For Information</b> GPs: Practice Nurses: Non-Principals: Staff in A&amp;E Departments: Intensive Care Units: High Dependency Units: Directors of Nursing: Consultant Pathologists: Trust Chief Pharmacists: Chief Executives, NHS Boards: Community Pharmacists</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Dr Andrew Fraser (DCMO) 0131 244 2270</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:andrew.fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">andrew.fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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5	8 Jan 03	<p>Towards Better Oral Health in Children</p> <p>Extension of deadline to <b>28 February 2003</b> for responses to original consultation document.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Action/Information</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Wide distribution</p> <p><b>Responses Required? Yes</b></p> <p><b>Deadline: 28 February 2003</b></p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Sandra Smith 0131 244 2711</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:childrensoralhealth@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">childrensoralhealth@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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6	9 Jan 03	<p>Bioterrorism Alert - Ricin Poison in the Environment</p> <p>Advice on specific action for clinicians.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Action/Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Directors of Public Health: Consultants in Public Health Medicine(CD&amp;EH): Emergency Planning Officers: Medical Directors, NHS Trusts: Specialists in Pharmaceutical Public Health: Scottish Poisons Bureau: Clinical Director, SCIEH: NHS24</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> GPs: Practice Nurses: Non-principals: Staff in A&amp;E Departments: Intensive Care Units: High Dependency Units: Directors of Nursing: Consultant Pathologists: Trust Chief Pharmacists: Chief Executives, NHS Boards: Community Pharmacists</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Dr Andrew Fraser (DCMO) 0131 244 2270</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:andrew.fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">andrew.fraser@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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7	10 Jan 03	<p>Guidance on Public Health Action Following the Detection of Raised Concentrations of Cryptosporidium in Public Drinking Water Supplies in Scotland</p> <p>Finalised guidance following discussion by the Expert Group on Cryptosporidium in Water Supplies.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> SEHD/CMO(2003)1</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action/Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Directors of Public Health</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executive, NHS Boards, Local Authorities, Scottish Water, SCIEH : Chief Scientist, Scottish Water: Water Industry Commissioner: Drinking Water Regulator: CPHM's(CD&amp;EH): Clinical Director, SCIEH.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Dr Barbara Davis 0131 244 2804 Mr Joe Brown 0131 244 2504</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:barbara.davis@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">barbara.davis@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a> <a href="mailto:joe.brown@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">joe.brown@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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