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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	12 Mar 03	<p>Pay and Conditions of Service of Hospital Medical and Dental Staff and Doctors in Public Health Medicine and the Community Health Service.</p> <p>Increase to Junior Doctor National Salary Scales for 2002/3 as a result of changes to the supplement multiplier. Pay anomalies on promotion - SHO to SPR.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> PCS(DD)2003/1</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action.</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives of NHS Boards, Trusts, Special Health Boards: Executive Director of the Scottish Council for Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Members of the Scottish Partnership Forum: H R Forum.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Audrey McKay 0131 244 2629</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Audrey.mckay@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Audrey.mckay@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>

2	12 Mar 03	<p>Smallpox Vaccination - Scottish Response Group.</p> <p>Information for Health Care Workers administering or receiving the vaccine. Pack contains information and practical tools needed by vaccinators and vaccinees to carry out vaccinations and ensure optimal follow up.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Information.</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Those considering vaccination.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> IC Physicians: Occupational Health Departments: Consultants in Public Health Medicine: Chief Executives, NHS Boards: Directors of Public Health.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Marianne Cook 0131 244 2164</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:marianne.cook@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">marianne.cook@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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3	14 Mar 03	<p>1. Increase in Optical Vouchers. 2. Leaflets. 3. Tax Credit Exemption Arrangements.</p> <p>This letter advises Primary Care Trusts, Island NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of increases in the NHS optical voucher values and allowances for repairs and replacements with effect from 1 April 2003.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> NHS: 2003 PCA(O)2</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action/ Information.</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, Primary Care Trusts and Island Health Boards: Director, Practitioner Services.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards, Common Services Agency.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Lynne Morrison 0131 244 2469</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Lynne.A.Morrison@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Lynne.A.Morrison@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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4	18 Mar 03	<p>Health and Community Care Research Findings No 29: Direct Supply of Medicines in Scotland: Evaluation of a Pilot Scheme</p> <p>The Research Findings summarise the key findings of research commissioned by SEHD to evaluate the implementation, operation and impact of a pilot scheme for the Direct Supply of Medicines by Community Pharmacists which allows patients exempt from prescription charges to consult a community pharmacy about minor ailments and receive 'Over The Counter' medicines free of charge under the NHS. The findings of the research will inform the wider roll out of the scheme in Scotland.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>	<p>The Right Medicine: A Strategy for Pharmaceutical Care in Scotland</p>	<p><b>Category:</b> Information</p> <p><b>For Information:</b>  Chief Executives of NHS Boards and Trusts: Chief Pharmaceutical Officers:  Direct Supply of Medicines Pilot Steering Group Members: Relevant Health Professionals in Pilot Sites.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Sarah Campbell  0131 244 5429</p> <p><b>Email:</b>  <a href="mailto:sarah.campbell@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">sarah.campbell@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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<p>5</p>	<p>18 Mar 03</p>	<p>Health and Community Care Research Findings No 30: Direct Supply of Medicines in Scotland: Extended Monitoring of a Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>The Research Findings summarise the key findings of research commissioned by SEHD to extend monitoring of the Direct Supply of Medicines scheme, which allows patients exempt from prescription charges to consult a community pharmacy about minor ailments and receive ‘Over The Counter’ medicines free of charge under the NHS, following the initial 12 month pilot period. The findings of the research supplement those of the evaluation of the scheme to inform its wider roll out in Scotland.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>	<p>The Right Medicine: A Strategy for Pharmaceutical Care in Scotland</p>	<p><b>Category:</b> Information.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards and Trusts: Chief Pharmaceutical Officers: Direct Supply of Medicines Pilot Steering Group Members: Relevant Health Professionals in Pilot Sites.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Sarah Campbell 0131 244 5429</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:sarah.campbell@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">sarah.campbell@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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6	18 Mar 03	<p>Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Outbreaks in East &amp; South Asia: Interim Professional Guidance on Investigation and Sampling of Suspected Cases.</p> <p>Dissemination of interim guidance on the investigation of suspected cases of (SARS).</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Action/Information.</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Medical Directors, NHS Trusts: Directors of Public Health, NHS Boards.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Consultants in Public Health Medicine: Medical Directors, SCIEH, NHS24: All GPs: Out of Hours Services: Lead Clinicians in A&amp;E Departments, Intensive Care Units, High Dependency Units: Consultant Microbiologists: Virologists: Consultant Physicians: Consultant Paediatricians: Nurse Directors, NHS Trusts: Chief Executives, NHS Boards: NHS Board on-call rotas: Travel Clinics.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Dr Peter Christie 0131 244 2806</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:peter.christie@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">peter.christie@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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<p>7</p>	<p>18 Mar 03</p>	<p>Guidance for General Practitioners: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Outbreaks in East &amp; Southeast Asia: Interim Professional Guidance</p> <p>Dissemination of interim guidance for General Practitioners.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Action/Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Director of Public Health: Medical Directors of NHS Trusts.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Consultants in Public Health Medicine: Medical Director, SCIEH, NHS24: All GPs: Out of Hours Services: Lead Clinicians in A&amp;E Departments, Intensive Care Units, High Dependency Units: Consultant Microbiologists: Virologists: Consultant Physicians: Consultant Paediatricians: Nurse Directors, NHS Trusts: Chief Executives, NHS Boards: NHS Board on-call rotas: Travel Clinics.</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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8	18 Mar 03	<p>Pay and Conditions of Service for Dental Public Health, Community Dental Staff and Salaried General Dental Practitioners.</p> <p>This Corrigendum authorises changes to the pay scales with effect from 1 April 2002 for Dental Officers Salaried General Dental Practitioners as outlined in NHS Circular PCS (DD)2002/3 dated 9 April 2002.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> Cor to NHS Circular: PCS(DD)2002/3</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action.</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards and Special Health Boards: Chief Executives CSA, State Hospital, NHS Trusts.</p> <p><b>For Information</b> Chief Executive, Health Education Board for Scotland: Members SPF and HR Forum.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> 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>
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9	18 Mar 03	<p>GP Appraisal.</p> <p>This circular provides details on the introduction of annual appraisal for GP Principals and PMS equivalents, GP assistants and GP associates in Scotland.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> PCA(M)(2003)5</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action/Information.</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives of NHS Boards and Trusts: Director of Practitioner Services, Common Services Agency: General Practitioners.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executive, Common Services Agency, NHS Education for Scotland: Directors of Post Graduate GP Education.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Iain Harron 0131 244 2472</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Iain.Harron@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Iain.Harron@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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10	18 Mar 03	<p>National Guidance on Managing Head Lice Infection in Scotland.</p> <p>This national guidance has been written to clarify the respective responsibilities of the health service, local authorities and schools, and other care services on managing head lice infection in children.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Action</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Directors of Nursing: Directors of Public Health: Schools: GPs: Pharmacists &amp; others. List available on request.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Sarah Corcoran 0131 244 2704</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Sarah.Corcoran@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Sarah.Corcoran@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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11	19 Mar 03	<p>General Dental Services - Availability.</p> <p>This letter asks Primary Care Trusts and Island NHS Boards to provide to the Scottish Executive, information on the availability of NHS General Dental Services in their areas.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> NHS: 2003 PCA(D)3</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action/Information.</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, Primary Care NHS Trusts and Island NHS Boards.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executive, NHS Boards, Common Services Agency: Director, Practitioner Services.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Lynne Morrison 0131 244 2466</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Lynne.A.Morrison@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Lynne.A.Morrison@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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12	19 Mar 03	<p data-bbox="504 191 1052 223"><b>General Dental Services - Revised GP21A</b></p> <p data-bbox="504 303 1187 518">This letter advises Primary Care Trusts, Island NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of the introduction of a revised GP21A - Notification of the appointment, termination or change in status of general dental practitioners (principals and assistants) in the general dental services.</p> <p data-bbox="504 566 728 598"><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p data-bbox="1523 191 2049 223"><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> NHS:2003 PCA(D)4</p> <p data-bbox="1523 263 1926 295"><b>Category:</b> Action/ Information.</p> <p data-bbox="1523 343 2004 446"><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, Primary Care NHS Trusts and NHS Boards.</p> <p data-bbox="1523 486 2038 598"><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executive, Common Services Agency: Director, Practitioner Services.</p> <p data-bbox="1523 638 1870 670"><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p data-bbox="1523 710 1960 782"><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Lynne Morrison 0131 244 2466</p> <p data-bbox="1523 821 2049 893"><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Lynne.A.Morrison@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Lynne.A.Morrison@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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13	20 Mar 03	<p>General Ophthalmic Services : Changes in Tax Credits</p> <p>This letter advises Primary Care Trusts, NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of changes in tax credits, which take effect from 6 April 2003.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> NHS: 2003 PCA(O)3</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action/ Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, Primary Care NHS Trusts and Island NHS Boards: Director, Practitioner Services.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executive, NHS Boards, Common Services Agency.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Lynne Morrison 0131 244 2466</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Lynne.A.Morrison@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Lynne.A.Morrison@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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14	20 Mar 03	<p>Revised Green Book Guidance.</p> <p>To provide colleagues with interim guidance relating to the changes to Treasury Green Book and the impact of the changes on procedures for appraisal and evaluation in health.</p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> HDL (2003) 13</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action and Information.</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives, NHS Boards, Trusts, CSA, State Hospital and SAS.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executives of all other Special Boards.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Glenda Roy 0131 244 4629</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:glenda.roy@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">glenda.roy@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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15	21 Mar 03	<p data-bbox="495 193 1099 264">Mental Health and Well Being Support Group Annual Report 2002-03.</p> <p data-bbox="495 344 1207 600">The Mental Health and Well Being Support Group was established in 2000 to support and advance the development of mental health services in Scotland. This has included ongoing visits to the care organisations and users of services throughout Scotland. Its 3rd annual report sets out local progress on the design and delivery of mental health services.</p> <p data-bbox="495 639 730 671"><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p data-bbox="1509 193 1827 225"><b>Category:</b> Information.</p> <p data-bbox="1509 264 1980 376"><b>For Information:</b> All those with an interest in Mental Health Issues.</p> <p data-bbox="1509 416 1872 448"><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p data-bbox="1509 488 1944 560"><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Nan Whetton 0131 244 2803</p> <p data-bbox="1509 600 1980 671"><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:Nan.Whetton@Scotland.gsi.gov.uk">Nan.Whetton@Scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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16	21 Mar 03	<p>Making it Work - Sustaining Health Services in Isolated Communities.</p> <p>A conference to be held in Scotland, 4-6 September 2003, to address the international challenges of finding long-term solutions for recruitment and retention and sustaining health services in remote and rural areas.</p> <p>St Andrews Bay Hotel, St Andrews.</p> <p>For early booking contact Ruth Carlton at <a href="mailto:haht.scot.nhs.uk">haht.scot.nhs.uk</a> (using 'MIW BOOKING FORM') as the title. Further information available at <a href="http://www.rarari.org.uk">www.rarari.org.uk</a></p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>Category:</b> Information</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives and Senior Managers for Health, Rural Affairs, Education, Local Authorities, and AHP: Professional Bodies and Colleges: HR Directors: Strategic and Service Planners: Medical Quality and Standards Setters: Key Clinical Staff should all attend.</p> <p><b>Responses Required?</b> No.</p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> Ruth Carlton Erin on: 01463 705771</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:ruth.carlton@haht.scot.nhs.uk">ruth.carlton@haht.scot.nhs.uk</a></p>
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17	21 Mar 03	<p>Pharmaceutical Services 2003-4: Adjustment to Fees and Allowances for Pharmacy Contractors and Model Schemes Arrangements.</p> <p>Pharmaceutical Services 2003-4.</p> <p><b>Response deadline .... 9 May 2003</b></p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> PCA(P)(2003)3</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action.</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives NHS Boards and Trusts: Chief Executive, Common Services Agency.</p> <p><b>Responses Required? Yes.</b> <b>Response Deadline: 09/05/2003.</b></p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> James H White 0131 244 3433</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:James.White@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">James.White@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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18	21 Mar 03	<p>Community Pharmacy Premises Development Programme 2003-4.</p> <p>Community pharmacy premises development programme.</p> <p><b>Response deadline....9 May 2003</b></p> <p><a href="#">click here</a> to view</p>		<p><b>HDL/Other Code:</b> PCA(P)(2003)4</p> <p><b>Category:</b> Action/Information.</p> <p><b>For Action:</b> Chief Executives NHS Boards and Trusts.</p> <p><b>For Information:</b> Chief Executive, Common Services Agency.</p> <p><b>Responses Required? Yes.</b> <b>Response Deadline: 09/05/2003.</b></p> <p><b>SEHD Contact:</b> James H White 0131 244 3433</p> <p><b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:James.White@scotland.gsi.gov.uk">James.White@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</a></p>
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