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Item Number	Date of Issue	Subject	Policy	Detail/Action
1	3 Mar 03	<p>Scottish Parliament Election 2003: Guidance for NHSScotland Organisations.</p> <p>Guidance on the conduct of business by NHSScotland during the official Pre-election period. Purdah commences as of 1 April 2003.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: NHS HDL (2003) 8</p> <p>Category: Action</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards, Special Health Boards & NHS Trusts: NHS Staff as appropriate.</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Trevor Lodge 0131 244 1830</p> <p>Email: Trevor.Lodge@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

2	18 Mar 03	<p>National Health Service, Charges for Drugs and Appliances from 1 April 2003.</p> <p>This circular advises NHS Boards and Trusts of an increase in NHS prescription charges with effect from 1st April 2003. Charges for items supplied by hospitals to outpatients have also been increased from the same date. NHS Charges for Drugs and Appliances)(Scotland)Amendment Regulations 2003 give effect to these changes.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: NHS HDL (2003) 12</p> <p>Category: Action/Information.</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, Island Health Boards, Primary Care and Integrated NHS Trusts, Common Services Agency.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executives, Mainland Health Boards, State Hospitals Board for Scotland, Health Education Board for Scotland: Executive Directors, NHS Education, NHS Quality Improvement: Directors of Primary Care.</p> <p>Response Required: No.</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Maureen McFarlane 0131 244 2597</p> <p>Email: maureen.mcfarlane@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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3	21 Mar 03	<p>Third SPRIG Pay Modernisation Newsletter.</p> <p>Pay Modernisation newsletter for NHSScotland staff giving latest position on Agenda for Change.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Information.</p> <p>For Information: Human Resources Directors of Trusts, Boards, Special Boards: SPRIG members: Employee Directors, Boards: Directors of Finance, Trusts, Boards, Special Boards: Unions: Scottish Partnership Forum members: Human Resources Forum Members.</p> <p>Response Required: No.</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Grace Brash 0131 244 4192</p> <p>Email: grace.brash@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
4	24 Mar 03	<p>Standing Advisory Committee on Neurosurgery for Mental Disorder Services in Scotland Report of Visit to NMD Service Providers.</p> <p>This is the first report of the Standing Advisory Committee established to review the activity, relevance and fitness for purpose of the NMD service in Scotland.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Information.</p> <p>For Information: All with an interest in mental health issues.</p> <p>Response Required: No.</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Nan Whetton 0131 244 2803</p> <p>Email: Nan.Whetton@Scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>

5	25 Mar 03	<p>Hospital Eye Service: Increase in Optical Voucher Values - Tax Credits.</p> <p>This letter provides NHS Boards and NHS Trusts of increases in the Optical voucher values and allowances for repairs and replacements with effect from 1 April 2003. It also advises of tax credit changes.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: NHS HDL (2003) 14</p> <p>Category: Action / Information.</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Boards and NHS Trusts: Director, Practitioner Services.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, Common Service Agency, Health Education Board for Scotland: Executive Director, SCPMDE.</p> <p>Response Required: No.</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Lynne Morrison 0131 244 2466</p> <p>Email: Lynne.A.Morrison@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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6	26 Mar 03	<p data-bbox="504 167 1086 199">Mental Health: Moving the Agenda Forward.</p> <p data-bbox="504 247 1187 383">This paper sets out the outcome of the consultations during 2002 on the future direction for mental health, builds on current work and sets the context for moving the mental health agenda forward.</p> <p data-bbox="504 430 728 462">click here to view</p>	Partnership for Care	<p data-bbox="1523 167 1825 199">Category: Information.</p> <p data-bbox="1523 247 2004 383">For Information: Statutory, voluntary and all other organisations and individuals with an interest in mental health issues.</p> <p data-bbox="1523 430 1848 462">Response Required: No.</p> <p data-bbox="1523 502 1948 566">SEHD Contact: Ewen Cameron 0131 244 2787</p> <p data-bbox="1523 614 2004 678">Email: Ewen.Cameron@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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7	27 Mar 03	<p>Consultation Paper on the Mental Health Law Research Programme.</p> <p>The paper outlines four areas of research relating to mental health law in Scotland and invites responses to nine questions on research issues and perspectives within these areas. The paper also provides background information about mental health law reform in Scotland, broader mental health policy, the genesis of the research programme and relevant research already in progress.</p> <p>Response deadline.....30 June 2003.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executives, NHS Boards, Primary Care Trusts: Local Authority Chief Executives: Directors of Social Work: Chief Executive HEBS: Secretary, Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland: Director, Scottish Development Centre for Mental Health: Appropriate Voluntary/Professional Organisations.</p> <p>Response Required: Yes Response Deadline: 30 Jun 03</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Angela Hallam 0131 244 2813</p> <p>Email: Angela.Hallam@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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8	27 Mar 03	<p>Ideas in Action - an Overview of the Innovation Fund for Children.</p> <p>Between 1999 and 2001, the Scottish Executive made over £8m available through the Innovation Fund for Children to boost innovative practice in child health and child health services across Scotland. The report 'Ideas In Action' provides information to ensure the dissemination of learning and good practice from those initiatives which were supported through the Innovation Fund for Children.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Information.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executives of NHS Boards & Trusts: Lead Commissioners for Child Health: Medical Directors, Directors of Nursing, NHS Boards & Trusts: Chief Executives of Local Authorities: Innovation Fund for Children Project Leads: Other relevant bodies (list on request).</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Kelly Martin 0131 244 2272</p> <p>Email: Kelly.Martin@Scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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9	27 Mar 03	<p>NHSScotland -Low Pay Agreement.</p> <p>Low Pay Agreement.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: NHS HDL (2003) 15</p> <p>Category: Action.</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, NHS Trusts, NHS Boards, Special Health Boards, CSA, State Hospital Board for Scotland.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executive, Health Education Board for Scotland: Members Scottish Partnership Forum: Members HR Forum.</p> <p>Response Required: No.</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Gerry Marr 01382 632 437</p> <p>Email: gerry.marr@tuht.scot.nhs.uk</p>
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10	28 Mar 03	<p>NHS Corporate Responsibilities : Health Protection and Incident Planning.</p> <p>This letter is to bring attention to the corporate responsibilities of NHSScotland with respect to health protection and associated incidents.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: Action/Information.</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives. NHS Boards & Trusts, NHS24: Directors of Nursing, NHS Trusts and Boards.</p> <p>For Information: Directors of Public Health: Clinical Director, SCIEH: General Manager, SCIEH.</p> <p>Response Required: No.</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Trevor Jones C/E 0131 244 2410 Dr Mac Armstrong CMO 0131 244 2264</p> <p>Email: ps/hd@scotland.gsi.gov.uk ps/cmo@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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11	28 Mar 03	<p>General Dental Services: Retirement Age for Principal Dentist,Maximum Patient Charge,Changes in Tax Credits, Superanuation.</p> <p>This letter advises Primary Care Trusts, NHS Boards and Practitioner Services of amendments to the NHS (General Dental Services) (Scotland) Regulations 19996 and an increase in the maximum patient charge for a course of dental treatment, which takes effect from 1 April 2003. It also advises of changes in tax credits, which take effect from 6 April 2003, and publishes the MAR and PER figures for 2002/03.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>HDL/Other Code: NHS: PCA(D)5</p> <p>Category: Action/Information.</p> <p>For Action: Chief Executives, Primary Care NHS Trusts and NHS Boards: Director, Practitioner Services Division.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executives, NHS Board , Common Services Agency.</p> <p>Response Required: No.</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Lynne Morrison 0131 244 2466</p> <p>Email: Lynne.A.Morrison@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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12	28 Mar 03	<p>Mental Health Services Accommodation and Risk Management Survey 2002.</p> <p>Outcome from the second (annual) survey of standards within NHS mental health accommodation.</p> <p>click here to view</p>		<p>Category: For information.</p> <p>For Information: Chief Executives, NHS Boards & Trusts, State Hospitals Board for Scotland.</p> <p>Response Required: No</p> <p>SEHD Contact: Wendy Queralt 0131 244 2782</p> <p>Email: Wendy.Queralt@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</p>
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